

2 Corinthians: Lesson Workbook

2 Corinthians 9-13

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1. Does boasting about your generosity seem right?

2. Paul says you must only give cheerfully, not reluctantly or unhappily, but aren't there many circumstances where you must give when you don't want to?

3. Paul says God will enrich you so that you may give. Does giving seem easier knowing you will get something in return?

2 Corinthians 10

1. "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does" (verse 3). What do you think the author means by this? Consult verse 4 for more context.

2. Focus on the words in verse 11. What do you think this means? How can you apply it to your life?

3. What do you think about Paul's opinions of boasting (verses 13-18) Do you disagree? Why or why not?

2 Corinthians 11

1. In verses 16-21, Paul continues to defend his boastfulness. Why do you think his opinion changes?

2. Read verse 29 again. What does this mean to you? How would you rephrase it in a more modern sense?

3. What things do you think are fair to boast about? Which are unfair?

2 Corinthians 12

1. If there is nothing to be gained by boasting, then why does one do it? Has boasting ever accomplished anything?

2. How would you define a burden? Does it require your possessions, as Paul says?

3. Is Paul implying that generosity is a burden?

2 Corinthians 13

1. "He is not weak in dealing with you. But is powerful among you." (verse 3) How does this verse make you feel? How do you interpret it?

2. In verse 8, Paul says we cannot do anything against the truth. Why not? What kind of actions are against the truth? What kind of actions are for the truth?

Homework

- 2 Corinthians 10:17-18
- Practice generosity and humility when dealing with others this week. Take note of the benefit that acting this way has on you and on those with whom you interacted.