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2 Corinthians 12:11-21 and 2 Corinthians 13:1-13

In the closing verses of chapter 12, Paul expresses deep concern for the spiritual health of the church at Corinth. Paul's issue was how the church received both him and those who carried the Gospel in association with Paul. The reception should be pleasant and warm as Paul had no intention to be a hardship.

2 Corinthians 12:11-18

Paul did not want any added burden to detract from the message about Christ Jesus. Paul explains that parents leave legacies for their children. Parents build for the children to receive. That is how Paul saw his ministry work.

If we see our work for Christ Jesus as leaving a legacy, how should we present Christ Jesus to our children?

2 Corinthians 12:19-21

Paul feared that he would find the church members falling away from Jesus. He was concerned about the relationships between church members. Paul was also concerned about how the members were relating to God's calling to live holy lives. Paul was also considering how the members would relate to him and his life and how that might affect their walk with Jesus.

How is it possible for a church's members to turn from God?

2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Paul warns that during his upcoming third visit those that have strayed from the faith will face consequences. However, he does acknowledge that those who were straying could have come back into a right relationship with God. Witnesses would be required.

Why would 2-3 witnesses be required to document a change in how anyone in Corinth lived?

2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Rather than be held accountable by Paul, he would prefer that the members of the church at Corinth examine themselves.

Discuss steps to help in self-examination.

What should be the result of self-examination?

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul ends the letter with a final appeal to live as close relatives and not as enemies.

What is the importance of having a great relationship with a wonderful church family?
