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2 Corinthians 9 and 2 Corinthians 10

These 2 chapters focus on the spiritual harvest of winning souls for Christ. As Christians we must have integrity in our walk, that is we do what we say and say what we do, to be effective in sowing seeds for Christ. A lack of integrity in leaders and members is a serious issue that hampers winning souls.

2 Corinthians 9:1-5

Paul exhorts the church that had been so faithful in giving to continue. Paul's reasons are fine but there is one statement that seems suspect. In verses 3-5, Paul does not want to lose face. He sends a group ahead of him to make certain the gift is ready so that it will be deemed an offering and not considered extortion.

How should we interpret Paul's action in these verses?

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Paul highlights that the blessing is in the giving of gifts. The emphasis is on God as the provider and the one who multiplies gifts. However, for seed, gifts, to be effective, there must be someone who sows. The sower may expect to reap some of the benefits but a good person knows that others will benefit more.

What is the best seed that we can sow?

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

Paul points out that we do have a human side that must submit to God. We do not fight people but spiritual wickedness. We have divine power to win the fight.

Discuss how we should handle spiritual warfare.

2 Corinthians 10:7-11

Paul fights for his integrity. His words on paper are bold but his presence is much more gentle.

Why would Paul be more gentle in person than on paper?

2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Paul makes it clear that he is willing to continue to work on the shoulders of others but he will not boast that only his work counts. As God increases the faith of those reached by Paul and other evangelists, the hope is that Paul and other evangelists will be able to extend their reach for Christ.

Discuss ways that Christians can work together to increase the number of people following Christ.
