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(2 Corinthians)

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APPEAL FOR REPENTANCE

(2 Corinthians 12:19-21)

FOR YOUR BENEFIT (19)

- Paul wasn't obligated to justify his ministry to the Corinthians – ultimately, he was accountable to God
- He assured the Corinthians that everything he had done and said, in person and letter, was for their good

PAUL'S FEAR (20-21)

- Paul feared that he would return to Corinth to find that the Corinthians were continuing to live in the flesh (1 Cor 3:3; Gal 5:19-21)
- If so, he would be obligated to correct them; neither he nor they would look forward to this (13:1,10)

THE NEED FOR REPENTANCE (21)

- Paul was concerned that the Corinthians were indifferent toward their sin
- They needed to experience a *change of mind* (repentance) concerning their worldly ways (7:8-11)
- This would not only bring about remorse and a desire to be forgiven, but also an earnest desire to change...
- to “put off the old” and “put on the new”(Christ) (see Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3:5-17)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- We should desire to have sin that exists in our lives revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, so that it can be dealt with (Ps 139:23-24)...
 - thus, we should welcome correction and discipline (Ps 141:5; Heb 12:5-6)
- When the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, we should not ignore it or pretend it does not exist (1 Jn 1:6,8,10)...
 - we should openly confess sin to God and trust that we have forgiveness through the death and intercession of Jesus Christ (1 Jn 1:9; 2:1-2)
- In confessing our sin, it should be our greatest desire to be rid of that sin and to be more like our Saviour...
 - having confidence that this is the will of God

*“...put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man...
and be renewed in the spirit of your mind...”
(Ephesians 4:22-23)*