

## The Book of 2 Corinthians



### Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

### Morning Study

This morning we will be reading **2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15**. This minor section can be divided into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

#### Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6

- How does Paul say he is appealing to the Corinthians? (**10:1**).
- What kind of weapons did Paul expect to use and for what purpose? (**10:3-4**).
- What were these strongholds in the Corinthian church? (**10:4-6**).
- What was Paul's purpose in "tak[ing] captive every thought"? (**10:6**).

#### Read 2 Corinthians 10:7-18

- What was the purpose of the authority God had given Paul? (**10:8**) (note **13:10**).
- What had Paul been accused of doing in his letters? (**10:9**).
- In answer to the accusation of **10:9**, what did Paul have to say? (**10:11**).
- What did Paul say he dare not do? (**10:12**).
- What did Paul say he would confine his boasting to? (**10:13**).
- What was Paul's hope? (**10:15-16**).
- What lay at the core of Paul's boasting? (**10:17**).
- Who is the one approved and who is the one not approved? (**10:18**).

#### Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

- What is the foolishness that Paul asks the Corinthians to put up with? (**11:1**).
- Why was Paul "jealous for you with a godly jealousy"? (**11:2**).
- What was Paul afraid of? (**11:3**).
- What were the false apostles preaching? (**11:4**).
- Why did Paul preach the Gospel to the Corinthians free of charge? (**11:7-9,12**).
- What were the false apostles trying to do? (**11:12**).
- What does Paul liken the false apostles to? (**11:13-15**).

# Memory Verse

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!