

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 27 – Paul and the Corinthians (part 4)

Reading:

2 Cor. 8 thru 13

A. 2 Cor. 8 thru 9 seems to be associated with 1 Cor. 16:1-4. What do we learn from this additional passage about our giving?

B. Various clues in the letter seem to indicate not everyone in Corinth responded well to Paul's previous letter. You may need to consult a good commentary that highlights these clues to answer the following.

a. Who were these people?

b. Why were they trying to discredit Paul?

c. Where have we read previously about similar challenges?

C. List at least three accusations (with scripture references) that were made against Paul.

D. What was Paul's answer to these accusations?

E. When we love someone, we try to do what is right & best for them. But sometimes, they still reject us. In what ways can we respond inappropriately? What can we learn from Paul's example?

F. What can we learn about handling hardships from 2 Cor. 12:7-10?

G. How did Paul encourage the Corinthians as he finished his letter (2 Cor. 13)?