

*2 Corinthians Series: "Learning to Lean on God"*

**"Cause For Concern"**

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2 Corinthians 12:11-21

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***Introduction:***

- A. What are you \_\_\_\_\_ about?
- B. What can we \_\_\_\_\_ about our \_\_\_\_\_?
- C. Paul's concern was not for \_\_\_\_\_, but for the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

***I. Understanding the Word***

- A. Paul began with a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_ - the Corinthians should have been \_\_\_\_\_ about him.
- B. Paul was never a \_\_\_\_\_ burden to them - it was an \_\_\_\_\_ for which he playfully pled forgiveness.
- C. Paul's interest was in their \_\_\_\_\_ not their \_\_\_\_\_ - he was interested in \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Blessed is the man who has fellow \_\_\_\_\_ he can \_\_\_\_\_, like Paul could trust \_\_\_\_\_ and others.
- E. The goal of their ministry was not to build \_\_\_\_\_ up and to feather their own \_\_\_\_\_ nest, but to build up the \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Paul expressed concern about three things:
  - 1. About the outcome of his impending \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. About finding them involved in all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. About being \_\_\_\_\_ under God's hand like the one he had experienced during his second visit.

***II. Applying the Word***

- A. We learn that \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We learn that \_\_\_\_\_ must be the expected \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We learn that \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro. A. concerned. B. do, concerns. C. himself, Gospel, Church. I.A. scolding, boasting. I.B. financial, injustice. I.C. souls, purses, relationship, revenue. I.D. workers, trust, Titus. I.E. themselves, financial, Corinthians. I.F.1. visit. I.F.2. sin. I.F.3. humbled. II.A. leaders, thick, skinned. II.B. godliness, standard. II.C. godlessness, confronted.