

“The Heart of an Apostle”

2 Corinthians 13 – “Power, Love, & Grace”

Method & Burden

Sola Scriptura, _____ alone is sufficient and authoritative for the life, faith, and doctrine of God’s children.

...the primary burden of Paul’s heart, after Jesus Christ Himself, was the _____ he planted, and the _____ he shepherded.

Paul loves these people. But sometimes, the best love is _____ love.

The best way to analogize the love of a pastor for his flock is with the love of a _____ for their _____.

Church Discipline

Gently call to repentance > take 2 or 3 others and gently call to repentance > Bring the sin before the church > treat the person like an unbeliever.

Matt. 18:15-20, Deut. 19:15, 1 Cor. 5:13

The Goal is ALWAYS _____.

Proverbs 3:11-12: *My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke, 12 because **the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.***

Power in Weakness

Paul’s proof is the same power used to _____ Christ from the _____.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 - *But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.* – ESV

Abiding

If we _____ in Him, we have everything we need for life and _____.

Self Examination

2 Corinthians 13:5 - *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?*

- ‘Examine’ means literally to “experience, trial, tempt, test by soliciting to sin.”
- ‘Test’ means literally “To try, prove, discern, distinguish, approve. It has the notion of proving a thing whether it is worthy or not.”

Are we bearing _____ fruit?

John 15:8 - *This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, **showing yourselves to be my disciples.***

Paul was happy to be _____ because that would make the Corinthians _____.

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES!!!

The heart of Paul shown in these letters bears a _____ love, the _____ of Christ in a shepherd, and open, self denying _____ for his spiritual children.

