

# Second Corinthians

## Instructions to the Church

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## ***2 Corinthians 2 (NIV)***

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

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“Thanks be to God, who through our union w/Christ, leads us in one continual triumph.”

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# I. An Increase in Godly Character 1:12-20

<sup>15</sup> Because I was confident of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. <sup>16</sup> I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. <sup>17</sup> Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?

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# I. An Increase in Godly Character 1:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity<sup>[b]</sup> and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. <sup>13</sup> For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, <sup>14</sup> as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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# I. An Increase in Godly Character 1:12-20

<sup>18</sup> But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” <sup>19</sup> For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas<sup>[c]</sup> and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” <sup>20</sup> For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

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# I. An Increase in Godly Character 1:12-20

**2 Corinthians 2:17 (NIV)** Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

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## II. An Increase in Obedience to Godly Truths 2:5-11

<sup>9</sup> Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.

### A. In Addressing Sin

<sup>5</sup> If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. <sup>6</sup> The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient.

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## II. An Increase in Obedience to Godly Truths 2:5-11

<sup>9</sup> Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.

### B. In Offering Grace

<sup>7</sup> Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

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# II. An Increase in Obedience to Godly Truths 2:5-11

<sup>11</sup> in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

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# II. An Increase in Obedience to Godly Truths 2:5-11

Judeo-Christian Values

Law-Freedom

The Letter Kills-The Spirit gives Life

Letter on Paper-Letter on Hearts

Veiled-Unveiled

Fading-Increasing

Condemnation-Forgiveness

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

The Action of the Holy Spirit  
John 3:5 \* Rom. 8:10-13 \*  
Gal. 5:22-26

Centered in the  
Mind of Christ  
Phil. 2:12-15  
Rom. 13:14

Ordinary Events of Life:  
“Trials/Temptations”  
James 1:2-4  
Rom. 5:1-5

Planned Disciplines to  
Put on a New Heart  
Col. 3:12-17  
2 Pet. 1:5-10

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### The Actions of the Holy Spirit-

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)** <sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### The Actions of the Holy Spirit-

***Galatians 5:22-26 (NIV)*** <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### The Actions of the Holy Spirit-

<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### Ordinary Events of Life: “Trials/Temptations”

*James 1:2-4 (NIV)* <sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### Planned Discipline to Put on a New Heart

**2 Peter 1:5-10 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they

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## 2:14-17

### Planned Discipline to Put on a New Heart

will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### Centered in the Mind of Christ

***Philippians 2:12-15 (NIV)*** <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

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# III. An Increase in Godly Transformation

## 2:14-17

### Centered in the Mind of Christ

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe

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*Godly company develops  
Godly character.*

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