

# Studies in

# 2 Corinthians



Lesson XII

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 7:1-7 (NKJV)

**1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**2** Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one. **3** I do not say this to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. **4** Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

**5** For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. **6** Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, **7** and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

## Discussion Questions

1. In order to be fit for the ministry we have received, what two things do we need to have in order? (vs. 1)
2. What does Paul really want from the congregation at Corinth? (vs. 2)
3. Just how much did Paul care about the Corinthians? (vs. 3)

4. Paul loved the church there so much that it brought about what specific action and emotion? (vs. 4) What are the implications for relationships in the body of Christ today?
  
5. Where is Macedonia? What kind of shape was Paul in when he first arrived there? (vs. 5) Do you ever feel like Paul?



6. What brought Paul comfort and joy? (vv. 6-7) Is there someone in the church who is consolation for you when you're faced with overwhelming problems?