

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL, MORE SONGS FROM THE HEART, TRUTH ON TRIAL

N.T. Study - Stewards Of The Gospel - *Grace For Every Trial* - June 24, 2018

Text: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (*The Christian's Strength*)

Intro: God's grace and power are best displayed in our W\_\_\_\_\_! I need to live with the assurance that God will give me \_\_\_\_\_ I need for every situation. I must be C\_\_\_\_\_ when facing difficulty, knowing God will use if for His G\_\_\_\_\_ and my G\_\_\_\_\_!

I. (2 Cor.12:1-6) Seek To Exalt Christ Rather Than Self

1. (12:1) Why did Paul feel he "must go on boasting"? (see 11:16-33 also) What would it accomplish?

2. (12:2-4) What can we know for sure from this passage?

What might we "assume" from this passage?

What do you think is the main point of this passage?

3. (12:5-6) Why would Paul only boast in his "weakness"?

4. What are some "extraordinary" things that happened in Paul's life that he could have boasted in?

## II. (2 Cor.12:7) God May Use Difficulty to Keep Us Humble

1. What could have happened if Paul had not kept his ministry in the proper perspective?

\* Because God knows our N\_\_\_\_\_ and our inclination towards P\_\_\_\_\_, He often allows great B\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_ to be mixed in the kettle of our lives! (Teacher's Guide)

2. What does this verse (12:7) reveal to us about Paul's "thorn in the flesh"?

3. What does this term *buffet/harass/torment* suggest to you about Paul's "thorn"?

Christians are not immune to the temptation to be P\_\_\_\_\_ FUL, nor are they immune to the CH\_\_\_\_\_ S and ST\_\_\_\_\_ S of being human! It is a good thing for us to acknowledge our personal weaknesses so that we \_\_\_\_\_.

What do *Gen.50:20* and *Ro.8:28* say about this?

## III. (2 Cor.12:8-10) God's Power Shines Brightest Through Our Weakness

1. (12:8) What did Paul do about his "thorn"? What does the term *entreated/pleaded/begged/besought* (Strong's #3870) mean?

2. What was God's answer? Is God's answer relevant to us today? Why?

3. (12:9b) What was Paul's response to God's answer?

4. (12:10) How did Paul's perspective about the challenges of life change?