

# Blessings from Buffetings

2 Corinthians 11:30-12:10

## Introduction:

11:30. “weakness”: Paul glories in what **God** has done.  
And here is Paul’s example at the beginning of his ministry.  
He is a political religious reject, running for his life—weak indeed

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12:1f. How did God see his “weakness”? As a good thing that must be insured.

\*A vision: Why?

This was the “super” claim of the super-apostles.

v 5. Paul will not apply the vision directly to himself.

v 6. **Here** is the standard of how Paul was to be evaluated:

- Truth
- Power

But the vision had to be balanced as the vision was dangerous.

v 7. “humbling”  
from a “thorn”

...a “satanic messenger”  
A pagan false teacher who tormented him.

In his “flesh”: his pride and it is painful.

v 8. What do you do? Recognize God’s Providence  
and Purpose  
Then Pray, Pray, Pray.

v 9. If “no”? Rest in God’s grace to carry you through.

... “perfected”: brought to a conclusion.  
God’s power is best seen in the prayerful, trusting, weak.

v 10. “content” concerning Satan’s messengers  
Because he will have to be weak he will see God’s power.

## Conclusion: