

Godly Sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:2-11

Introduction:

- v. 2. Paul repeats the invitation of 6:13
because Titus is about to come to them to collect money for
the saints of Jerusalem (8:16)
He has not misused his authority
destroyed other men's estates or means
or defrauded in his use of money
- v. 3. But he is not writing to create guilt
He will love them in life until death
- v. 4. Because they are his joy
- v. 5. He explains why... he previously had "fears" within
- v. 6. But Titus showed up bringing God's comfort
- v. 7. They had repented!
- v. 8. Paul had previously regretted his letter of rebuke but no longer...
- v. 9. But they were made sorrowful to repentance
"unto God" i.e. they returned to God
"...loss..." The damage that would come from unrepentance.

v. 10. "sorrow" → "repentance" → "without regret" → "salvation"
"death" anger at God and His word

v. 11. Here is godly sorrow
"earnestness": literally "haste"

Toward themselves:

- vindication: "apologia" they longed to be innocent
- indignation: angry at themselves

Toward Paul:

- fear: of God and His apostle
- longing: intense desire to be on good terms

Toward sin:

- zeal: speaks of action toward (1 Cor. 5) sin in the church
- avenging: "justice exercised" when they (1 Cor. 2) removed the sinner

Thus they proved themselves "innocent"
in no way approving evil

Conclusion: