

Church Matters More...more than suffering

2 Corinthians 1-2:13

Church

2 Corinthians 1 ...greetings

¹ Paul, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, and Timothy our brother, unto the **church of God** which is at **Corinth**, with **all the saints** which are in all Achaia [Greece]:

Acts 7

³⁸ This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

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² Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. Be **perfect, be of good comfort**, be of **one mind, live in peace**; and the **God of love and peace shall be with you**.

Comforter

2 Corinthians 1

³ Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the **God of all comfort**:

Blessed – NT:2128 εὐλογητός **eulogetos** (yoo-log-ay-tos'); from NT:2127; adorable: **KJV** - blessed.

Comfort – NT:3874 παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from NT:3870; imploration, hortation, solace: **KJV** - comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

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⁴ Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are **comforted of God**.

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Comforter (cont)

John 16

³³ These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

Psalm 23

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; **thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Matthew 5

⁴ Blessed are **they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

2 Thessalonians 2

¹⁷ **Comfort** your **hearts**, and stablish you in every good word and work.

1 Thessalonians 3

⁷ Therefore, brethren, we were **comforted** over you in all our affliction and distress by **your** faith:

1 Thessalonians 5

⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

⁹ For **God hath not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁰ Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

¹¹ Wherefore **comfort yourselves together**, and **edify one another**, even as also ye do.

¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

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Consolation

2 Corinthians 1

⁵ For as the **sufferings of Christ** abound in us, so our **consolation** also aboundeth by Christ.

Sufferings – NT:3804 πάθημα **pathema** (path'-ay-mah); from a presumed derivative of NT:3806; something undergone, i.e. hardship or pain; subjectively, an emotion or influence: **KJV** - affection, affliction, motion, suffering.

Abound – NT:4052 περισσεύω **perisseuo** (per-is-syoo'-o); from NT:4053; to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel:

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2 Thessalonians 2 no comfort without grace

¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath **given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace**,

¹⁷ **Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.**

Philippians 2 Pay back for Paul's suffering

¹ If there be therefore any **consolation in Christ**, if any **comfort** of love, if any **fellowship** of the Spirit, if any **bowels and mercies**,

² Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having the **same love**, being of **one accord**, of **one mind**.

³ Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

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Romans 8 ...our inheritance is greater than our suffering

¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God**:

¹⁷ And if children, then **heirs**; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we **suffer with him**, that we may be also glorified together.

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Philippians 4

¹² I **know both how to be abased**, and I **know how to abound**: every where and in all things I am **instructed both to be full and to be hungry**, both **to abound and to suffer need**.

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Consolation (*cont*)

Colossians 1 Fulfillment of the Word is greater than suffering

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be **not moved away from the hope of the gospel**, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof **I Paul am made a minister**;

²⁴ **Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:**

²⁵ Whereof I am **made a minister**, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, **to fulfil the word of God**;

2 Corinthians 1 The consolation itself of others and their salvation is greater than suffering

⁶ And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

Afflicted – NT:2346 θλίβω **thlibo** (thlee'-bo); akin to the base of NT:5147; to crowd (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble.

Consolation – NT:3874 παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from NT:3870; imploration, hortation, solace: **KJV** - comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

Salvation – NT:4991 σωτηρία **soteria** (so-tay-ree'-ah); feminine of a derivative of NT:4990 as (properly, abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally): **KJV** - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

Effectual – NT:1754 ἐνεργέω **energeo** (en-erg-eh'-o); from NT:1756; to be active, efficient:

KJV - do, (be) effectual (fervent), be mighty in, shew forthself, work (effectually in).

Hebrews 6 ...our hope set before us is greater than the suffering

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was **impossible for God to lie**, we might have a **strong consolation**, who have **fled for refuge** to lay hold upon the **hope set before us**:

Immutable – NT:276 ἀμετάθετος **ametathetos** (am-et-ath'-et-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of NT:3346; unchangeable, or (neuter as abstract) unchangeability: **KJV** - immutable (-ility). [unchallengable, absolute, incontrovertible ~ irrefutable, ~ certain]

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Philippians 1 ...it is the suffering we bear for the others...unto salvation

²⁸ And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Perdition – NT:684 ἀπώλεια **apoleia** (ap-o'-li-a); from a presumed derivative of NT:622; ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal):

KJV - damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, ^xperish, pernicious ways, waste.

Thus we believe and also suffer...

Philippians 1 ...our believing is greater than the suffering

²⁹ For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to **suffer for his sake**;

³⁰ Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

...enduring patiently (without complaining, unwarily)

Enduring – NT:5281 ὑπομονή **hupomone** (hoop-om-on-ay'); from NT:5278; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:

KJV - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

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Suffer – NT:3958 πάσχω **pascho** (pas'-kho); including the forms (patho (path'-o) and pentho (pen'-tho)), used only in certain tenses for it; apparently a primary verb; to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful):

KJV - feel, passion, suffer, vex.

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2 Corinthians 1 ...encouragement of others is greater than the suffering

⁷ And **our hope** of you is stedfast, knowing, that as **ye are partakers of the sufferings**, so shall ye be **also of the consolation**. [...of Paul]

...with pleasure

Hope – NT:1680 ἐλπίς **elpis** (el-pece'); from a primary **elpo** (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstractly or concretely) or confidence:
KJV - faith, hope.

...with firmness

Stedfast – NT:949 βέβαιος **bebaios** (beb'-ah-yos); from the base of NT:939 (through the idea of basality = establishing the base, foundational); stable (literally or figuratively):
KJV - firm, of force, stedfast, sure.

Partakers – NT:2844 κοινωνός **koinonos** (koy-no-nos'); from NT:2839; a sharer, i.e. associate:
KJV - companion, ^xfellowship, partaker, partner.

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1 Timothy 4 ...our trust in God is greater than the suffering

⁹ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

¹⁰ For therefore **we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God**, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

¹¹ These things command and teach.

2 Timothy 1 ...our purpose is greater than the suffering

¹¹ Whereunto I am **appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles**.

¹² For the which **cause I also suffer these things**: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

¹³ **Hold fast the form of sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11 ...our reproach is greater than the suffering

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

²⁵ **Choosing rather to suffer affliction** with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

²⁶ **Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches** than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

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James 5 ...our example is greater than the suffering

¹⁰ Take, my brethren, **the prophets**, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an **example of suffering affliction, and of patience**.

Patience – NT:3115 μακροθυμία **makrothumia** (mak-roth-oo-mee'-ah); from the same as NT:3116; longanimity, i.e. (objectively) forbearance or (subjectively) fortitude: **KJV** - longsuffering, patience.

Are you also going to be that example...?

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Desperation

2 Corinthians 1 ...extreme anxiety in circumstances should not dissuade us

⁸ For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of **our trouble** [pressured] which came to us in Asia, that we were **pressed out of measure** [exceedingly], **above strength**, inasmuch that we **despaired even of life**:

Trouble – NT:2347 θλίψις **thlipsis** (thlip'-sis); from NT:2346; pressure (literally or figuratively):

KJV - afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Pressed – NT:916 βαρέω **bareo** (bar-eh'-o); from NT:926; to weigh down (figuratively):

KJV - burden, charge, heavy, press.

Measure – NT:5236 ὑπερβολή **hyperbole** (hoop-er-bol-ay'); from NT:5235; a throwing beyond others, i.e. (figuratively) supereminence; adverbially (with NT:1519 or NT:2596) preeminently:

KJV - abundance, (far more) exceeding, excellency, more excellent, beyond (out of) measure.

Despaired – NT:1820 ἐξαπορέομαι **exaporeomai** (ex-ap-or-eh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:1537 and NT:639; to be utterly at a loss, i.e. despond: **KJV** - (in) despair.

Despaired of life ...they were faced with life threatening circumstances...

2 Corinthians 12 grace is sufficiently greater than our suffering

⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient** for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most **gladly** therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that **the power of Christ may rest upon me**.

Paul expresses the absoluteness in assurance in knowing the Lord's hand is upon you when you go through circumstances from which you have only God to deliver you...

2 Corinthians 4

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

⁸ We are **troubled on every side**, yet not **distressed** [cramped or surrounded]; we are **perplexed** [no way out], but **not in despair** [at a loss];

Perplexed – NT:639 ἀπορέω **aporeo** (ap-or-eh'-o); from a compound of NT:1 (as a negative particle) and the base of NT:4198; to have no way out, i.e. be at a loss (mentally): **KJV** - (stand in) doubt, be perplexed.

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Desperation (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 4 ...**manifestation of Christ in our body was greater than suffering**

⁹ **Persecuted** [persued], but **not forsaken**; **cast down**, but **not destroyed**;

¹⁰ Always **bearing** about in the body **the dying of the Lord Jesus**, that the **life** also of Jesus might be made **manifest in our body**.

...our deliverance is greater than the suffering

¹¹ For we which live are always **delivered unto death** for Jesus' sake, that the **life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh**.

For some the work of Christ is unto death...

...our resurrection is greater than the suffering unto death

¹² So then **death worketh in us, but life in you**.

¹³ We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

¹⁴ Knowing that **he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus**, and shall present us with you.

¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

Romans 8 ...quicken in the inner man unto resurrection of the body

¹¹ But **if the Spirit** of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwelt in you**, he that raised up **Christ** from the **dead** shall also **quicken your mortal bodies** by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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⁹ But we had the **sentence of death** in ourselves, that **we should not trust in ourselves, but in God** which raiseth the dead:

Sentence – NT:610 ἀπόκριμα **apokrima** (ap-ok'-ree-mah); from NT:611 (in its original sense of judging); a judicial decision: **KJV** - sentence.

God's judgment or decision...for His glory is greater than the suffering

Death – NT:2288 θάνατος **thanatos** (than'-at-os); from NT:2348; (properly, an adjective used as a noun) death (literally or figuratively):

KJV - ^x deadly, (be ... death.

Romans 6 ...our baptism is greater than the suffering

⁴ Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death**: that like as **Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6 ...our life is greater than the suffering

⁸ Now **if we be dead with Christ**, we believe that **we shall also live with him**:

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Deliverance

2 Corinthians 1 ...our deliverance is greater than the suffering

¹⁰ Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

Delivered – NT:4506 ῥύομαι **rhoumai** (hroo'-om-ahee); middle voice of an obsolete verb, akin to NT:4482 (through the idea of a current; compare NT:4511); to rush or draw (for oneself), i.e. rescue: **KJV** - deliver (-er).

Trust – NT:1679 ἐλπίζω **elpizo** (el-pid'-zo); from NT:1680; to expect or confide: **KJV** - (have, thing) hope (-d) (for), trust.

Colossians 3

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ **For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.**

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

...by prayer

2 Corinthians 1 ...our prayers are greater than the suffering

¹¹ Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Helping together – NT:4943 συνυπουργέω **sunupourgeo** (soon-ooop-oorg-eh'-o); from NT:4862 and a derivative of a compound of NT:5259 and the base of NT:2041; to be a co-auxiliary, i.e. assist: **KJV** - help together.

...for rejoicing

2 Corinthians 1 ...our rejoicing is greater than the suffering

¹² For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

Rejoicing – NT:2746 καύχησις **kauchesis** (kow'-khay-sis); from NT:2744; boasting (properly, the act; by implication, the object), in a good or a bad sense: **KJV** - boasting, whereof I may glory, glorying, rejoicing.

Testimony – NT:3142 μαρτύριον **marturion** (mar-too'-ree-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of NT:3144; something evidential, i.e. (genitive case) evidence given or (specifically) the Decalogue (in the sacred Tabernacle): **KJV** - to be testified, testimony, witness.

Conscience – NT:4893 συνείδησις **suneidesis** (soon-i'-day-sis); from a prolonged form of NT:4894; coperception, i.e. moral consciousness:

KJV - conscience.

1 Timothy 4 ...the wicked have no godly conscience...

¹ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having **their conscience seared** with a hot iron;

³ Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

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Deliverance (*cont*)

...for rejoicing (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 1 ...our rejoicing is greater than the suffering (*cont*)

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Titus 1

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are **defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure**; but even **their mind and conscience is defiled**.

1 Timothy 1 ...our conscience is greater than our suffering

¹⁸ This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest **war a good warfare**;

¹⁹ **Holding faith, and a good conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have **made shipwreck**:

²⁰ Of whom is **Hymenaeus and Alexander**; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may **learn not to blaspheme**.

1 Peter 2 even our goodness and gentleness is greater than grief and suffering

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

¹⁹ For this is **thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully**.

²⁰ For **what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently?** but if, when ye **do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God**.

²¹ For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps**:

Thus, there is no good in suffering for our own faults...

...therein the suffering meets the crime.

*...and our suffering is not greater than our circumstances...but fit!
Our sadness then would come from such suffering...*

1 Peter 3 ...well doing is greater than the suffering

¹⁷ For it is **better**, if the will of God be so, that ye **suffer for well doing**, than for evil doing.

1 Peter 3 ...happiness follows the suffering for righteousness

¹⁴ But and if ye **suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye**: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

2 Timothy 3 ...godliness is greater than the suffering

¹² Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution**.

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Simplicity – NT:572 ἀπλότης **haplotes** (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):

KJV - bountifulness, liberal(-ity), simplicity, singleness.

Sincerity – NT:1505 εἰλικρίνεια **eilikrineia** (i-lik-ree'-ni-ah); from NT:1506; clearness, i.e. (by implication) purity (figuratively): **KJV** - sincerity.

Conversation – NT:390 ἀναστρέφο **anastrepho** (an-as-tref'-o); from NT:303 and NT:4762; to overturn; also to return; by implication, to busy oneself, i.e. remain, live: **KJV** - abide, behave self, have conversation, live, overthrow, pass, return, be used.

Matthew 5 ...our good fortune, our reward is greater than the suffering

¹⁰ Blessed are they which are **persecuted for righteousness' sake**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed – NT:3107 μακάριος **makarios** (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off: **KJV** - blessed, happy (X -ier).

¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹² **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad**: for great is your reward in heaven: **for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you**.

2 Corinthians 1 ...our hope for the to the end that is greater than our suffering

¹³ For we write none other things unto you, that what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

End – NT:5056 τέλος **telos** (tel'-os); from a primary tello (to set out for a definite point or goal); properly, the point aimed at as a limit, i.e. (by implication) the conclusion of an act or state (termination [literally, figuratively or indefinitely], result [immediate, ultimate or prophetic], purpose); specifically, an impost or levy (as paid): **KJV** - + continual, custom, end (-ing), finally, uttermost. Compare NT:5411.

2 Corinthians 3

¹³ And not as Moses, which put a **veil** over his face, that the children of **Israel could not** stedfastly **look to the end** of that which is abolished [the law and thus sin in the flesh]:

Romans 1:11

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, **to the end** ye may be established;

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Deliverance (*cont*)

...for rejoicing (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 1 ...appreciation of the saints is greater than the suffering

¹⁴ As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that **we are your rejoicing**, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Part – NT:3313 μέρος **meros** (mer'-os); from an obsolete but more primary form of meiros (to get as a section or allotment); a division or share (literally or figuratively, in a wide application):

KJV - behalf, course, coast, craft, particular (+-ly), part (+-ly), piece, portion, respect, side, some sort (-what).

1 Thessalonians 3

¹³ **To the end** he may **stablish your hearts unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Peter 1

¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end for the grace** that is to be brought unto you at the **revelation of Jesus Christ**;

Confidence

2 Corinthians 1 ...benefits are greater

¹⁵ And **in this confidence** I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second **benefit**;

Confidence – NT:4006 πεποίθησις **pepoithesis** (pep-oy'-thay-sis); from the perfect of the alternate of NT:3958; reliance: **KJV** - confidence, trust.

2 Corinthians 1

¹⁶ And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

2 Corinthians 1 ...purposed absolutely

¹⁷ When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

Minded – NT:1014 βούλομαι **boulomai** (boo'-lom-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb.; to "will," i.e. (reflexively) be willing:

KJV - be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing). Compare NT:2309.

Lightness – NT:1644 ἐλαφρία **elaphria** (el-af-ree'-ah); from NT:1645; levity (figuratively), i.e. fickleness: **KJV** - lightness.

Purpose – NT:1011 βουλευώ **bouleuo** (bool-yoo'-o); from NT:1012; to advise, i.e. (reflexively) deliberate, or (by implication) resolve:

KJV - consult, take counsel, determine, be minded, purpose. [intend]

James 5

¹² But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but **let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay**; lest ye fall into condemnation.

¹³ Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

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Confidence (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 1 ...trusting absolutely

¹⁸ But as **God is true**, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

True – NT:4103 πιστός **pistos** (pis-tos'); from NT:3982; objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful: **JV** - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

2 Corinthians 1 ...preached absolutely

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

Promised absolutely

²⁰ For all the **promises of God** in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Promises – NT:1860 ἐπαγγελία **epaggelia** (ep-ang-el-ee'-ah); from NT:1861; an announcement (for information, assent or pledge; especially a divine assurance of good): **KJV** - message, promise.

Anointed absolutely

²¹ Now **he which stablisheth us** with you in Christ, and hath **anointed us, is God**;

Stablisheth – NT:950 βεβαιόω **bebaioo** (beb-ah-yo'-o); from NT:949; to stabilize (figuratively): **KJV** - confirm, (e-) stablish.

Anointed – NT:5548 χρίω **chrío** (khree'-o); probably akin to NT:5530 through the idea of contact; to smear or rub with oil, i.e. (by implication) to consecrate to an office or religious service: **KJV** - anoint.

Sealed absolutely

²² Who hath also **sealed us**, and given the **earnest of the Spirit** in our hearts.

Sealed – NT:4972 σφραγίζω **sphragizo** (sfrag-id'-zo); from NT:4973; to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation (literally or figuratively); by implication, to keep secret, to attest: **KJV** - (set a, set to) seal up, stop.

Earnest – NT:728 ἄρραβών **arrhabon** (ar-hrab-ohn'); of Hebrew origin [OT:6162]; a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest: **KJV** - earnest.

Called absolutely

²³ Moreover I call God for a **record upon my soul**, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

Record – NT:3144 μάρτυς **martus** (mar'-toos); of uncertain affinity; a witness (literally [judicially] or figuratively [genitive case]); by analogy, a "martyr": **KJV** - martyr, record, witness.

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Confidence (*cont*)

Helped absolutely

²⁴ Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are **helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.**

Helpers – NT:4904 συνεργός **sunergos** (soon-er-gos"); from a presumed compound of NT:4862 and the base of NT:2041; a co-laborer, i.e. coadjutor:

KJV - companion in labour, (fellow-) helper (-labourer, -worker), labourer together with, workfellow.

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APPLICATION

2 Corinthians 2 absolutely determined

¹ But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

Heaviness – NT:3077 λυπῆ **lupe** (loo'-pay); apparently a primary word; sadness:

KJV - grief, grievous, + grudgingly, heaviness, sorrow.

2 Corinthians 2 ...sadness that leads to repentance is greater than our suffering

² For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

Glad – NT:2165 εὐφραίνω **euphraino** (yoo-frah'-ee-no); from NT:2095 and NT:5424; to put (middle voice or passively, be) in a good frame of mind, i.e. rejoice:

KJV - fare, make glad, be (make) merry, rejoice.

Sorry – NT:3076 λυπέω **lupeo** (loo-peh'-o); from NT:3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:

KJV - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry.

2 Corinthians 2 ...joy shared by all through suffering

³ And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

Sorrow – NT:3076 λυπέω **lupeo** (loo-peh'-o); from NT:3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:

...thus Paul sought gladness from suffering else they and he would be sorrowful

Confidence – NT:3982 πείθω **peitho** (pi'-tho); a primary verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy, to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflexively or passively, to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty):

KJV - agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) confident, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

Joy – NT:5479 χαρά **chara** (khar-ah'); from NT:5463; cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight:

KJV - gladness, ^xgreatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

2 Corinthians 2 abundance through suffering

⁴ For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

Affliction – NT:2347 θλίψις **thlipsis** (thlip'-sis); from NT:2346; pressure (literally or figuratively):

KJV - afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Anguish – NT:4928 συνόχη **sunoche** (soon-okh-ay'); from NT:4912; restraint, i.e. (figuratively) anxiety: **KJV** - anguish, distress.

Grieved – NT:3076 λυπέω **lupeo** (loo-peh'-o); from NT:3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:

KJV - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry.

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2 Corinthians 2 ...not overly grievous

⁵ But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.

Grief – NT:3076 λυπέω **lupeo** (loo-peh'-o); from NT:3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:

KJV - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry.

Overcharge – NT:1912 ἐπιβαρέω **epibareo** (ep-ee-bar-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:916; to be heavy upon, i.e. (pecuniarily) to be expensive to; figuratively, to be severe towards: **KJV** - be chargeable to, overcharge.

1 Corinthians 10

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not **suffer** you to be tempted **above** that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to **bear** it.

2 Corinthians 2 ...only sufficient in amount of punishment...

⁶ Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

Sufficient – NT:2425 ἰκανός **hikanos** (hik-an-os'); from hiko [hikano or hikneomai, akin to NT:2240] (to arrive); competent (as if coming in season), i.e. ample (in amount) or fit (in character):

KJV - able, + content, enough, good, great, large, long (while), many, meet, much, security, sore, sufficient, worthy.

Punishment – NT:2009 ἐπιτιμία **epitimia** (ep-ee-tee-mee'-ah); from a compound of NT:1909 and NT:5092; properly, esteem, i.e. citizenship; used (in the sense of NT:2008) of a penalty: **KJV** - punishment.

Inflicted –

So that the punishment meets the crime...

Matthew 6 ...God has limited our penalty...

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. **Sufficient** unto the day is the evil thereof.

...and forgiven us..

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2 Corinthians 2 ...forgiveness is greater than the suffering

⁷ So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow [sadness].

Contrariwise – NT:5121 ΤΟΥΝΑΝΤΙΟΝ **tounantion** (too-nan-tee'-on); contraction for the neuter of NT:3588 and NT:1726; on the contrary: **KJV** - contrariwise.

Forgive – NT:5483 χαρίζομαι **charizomai** (khar-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:5485; to grant as a favor, i.e. gratuitously, in kindness, pardon or rescue: **KJV** - deliver, (frankly) forgive, (freely) give, grant.

Comfort – NT:3870 παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from NT:3844 and NT:2564; to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation):

KJV - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Perhaps – NT:3381 μήπως **mepos** (may'-pos); or **me pos** (may poce); from NT:3361 and NT:4458; lest somehow:

KJV - lest (by any means, by some means, haply, perhaps).

Swallowed up – NT:2666 καταπίνω **katapino** (kat-ap-ee'-no); from NT:2596 and NT:4095; to drink down, i.e. gulp entire (literally or figuratively):

KJV - devour, drown, swallow (up). [knowledge].

Overmuch – NT:4055 περισσότερος **perissoteros** (per-is-sot'-er-os); comparative of NT:4053; more superabundant (in number, degree or character):

KJV - more abundant, greater (much) more, overmuch.

Romans 12

¹⁴ Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

1 Corinthians 4

¹² And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we **bless**; being **persecuted**, we suffer it:

2 Corinthians 2 ...love the chastened ones as one chastened...

⁸ Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

Confirm – NT:2964 κυρώω **kuroo** (koo-ro'-o); from the same as NT:2962; to make authoritative, i.e. ratify: **KJV** - confirm.

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2 Corinthians 2

⁹ For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

Proof – NT:1382 δοκιμή **dokime** (dok-ee-may'); from the same as NT:1384; test (abstractly or concretely); by implication, trustiness:
KJV - experience (-riment), proof, trial.

¹⁰ To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

Forgive – NT:5483 χαρίζομαι **charizomai** (khar-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:5485; to grant as a favor, i.e. gratuitously, in kindness, pardon or rescue:
KJV - deliver, (frankly) forgive, (freely) give, grant.

2 Corinthians 2

¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Advantage – NT:4122 πλεονεκτέω **pleonekteo** (pleh-on-cek-teh'-o); from NT:4123; to be covetous, i.e. (by implication) to over-reach:
KJV - get an advantage, defraud, make a gain.

Devices – NT:3540 νόημα **noema** (no'-ay-mah); from NT:3539; a perception, i.e. purpose, or (by implication) the intellect, disposition, itself:
KJV - device, mind, thought.

2 Corinthians 2

¹² Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

2 Corinthians 2

¹³ I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

Rest – NT:425 ἄνεσις **anesis** (an'-es-is); from NT:447; relaxation or (figuratively) relief:
KJV - eased, liberty, rest.

All of this is for the church...

...because the Church Matters More ...than the suffering

Church Matters More...more than our ministry (if it's about us)

2 Corinthians 2:14-6:10

God has caused us to Triumph

2 Corinthians 2 We have confidence...

¹⁴ Now **thanks be unto God**, which always **causeth us to triumph** in Christ, and **maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us** in every place.

Triumph – NT:2358 θριαμβεύω **thriambeuo** (three-am-byoo'-o); from a prolonged compound of the base of NT:2360; and a derivative of NT:680 (meaning a noisy iambus, sung in honor of Bacchus); to make an acclamatory procession, i.e. (figuratively) to conquer or (by Hebraism) to give victory:

KJV - (cause) to triumph (over).

Psalm 25

² O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, **let not mine enemies triumph over me.**

Psalm 41

¹¹ By this I know that thou favourest me, because **mine enemy doth not triumph over me.**

Psalm 47

¹ O clap your hands, all ye people; **shout unto God with the voice of triumph.**

Psalm 92

⁴ For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will **triumph in the works of thy hands.**

Colossians 2

¹³ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

¹⁴ Blotting out the **handwriting of ordinances** that was **against us**, which was **contrary to us**, and **took it out of the way**, nailing it to his cross;

¹⁵ And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, **triumphing over them in it.**

Psalm 98

¹ O sing unto the LORD a new song; for **he hath done marvelous things**: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath **gotten him the victory.**

1 Corinthians 15

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

1 Corinthians 15

⁵⁵ **O death**, where is thy sting? O grave, **where is thy victory?**

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God has caused us to Triumph (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 2 (*cont*)

¹⁴ Now **thanks be unto God**, which always **causeth us to triumph** in Christ, and **maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us** in every place.

1 Corinthians 15

⁵⁷ But **thanks be to God**, which **giveth us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 5

⁴ For whatsoever is **born of God overcometh the world**: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, **even our faith**.

Triumph over sweet savour

2 Corinthians 2

¹⁵ For we are unto **God a sweet savour** of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

Triumph over savour of death

2 Corinthians 2

¹⁶ To the one we are the **savour of death unto death**; and to the other the **savour of life unto life**. And who is sufficient for these things?

Sincerity of Man and God

2 Corinthians 2

¹⁷ For we are **not as many, which corrupt the word of God**: but as of **sincerity**, but as of **God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ**.

God's Commendation

2 Corinthians 3

¹ Do we begin again to **commend ourselves? or need we**, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or **letters of commendation** from you?

Proverbs 12

⁸ A man shall be **commended according to his wisdom**: but he that is of a **perverse heart shall be despised**.

2 Corinthians 10

18 For **not** he that commendeth himself is approved, **but whom the Lord commendeth**.

His epistle of Christ

2 Corinthians 3

² **Ye are our epistle written in our hearts**, known and read of all men:

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God's Commendation (*cont*)

Written indelibly in our hearts

2 Corinthians 3

³ Forasmuch as ye are **manifestly declared** to be the **epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Mark 7

⁶ He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is **written**, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their **heart** is far from me.

God is trustworthy

2 Corinthians 3

⁴ And such **trust** have we through Christ to **God-ward**:

God is sufficient

2 Corinthians 3

⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but **our sufficiency is of God**;

2 Corinthians 12

⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee**: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that the **power of Christ may rest upon me**.

God made us able

2 Corinthians 3

⁶ Who also hath **made us able ministers of the New Testament**; not of the letter, but **of the Spirit**: for the letter killeth, but **the Spirit giveth life**.

Matthew 26

²⁸ For this is my blood of the **New Testament**, which is **shed for many for the remission of sins**.

Hebrews 9

¹⁵ And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9

²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**.

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Enlightens our eyes

2 Corinthians 3

⁷ But if the **ministration of death**, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the **children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory** of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

Glory of the Spirit

2 Corinthians 3

⁸ How shall not the **ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?**

Glory of the Condemnation

2 Corinthians 3

⁹ For if the **ministration of condemnation** be glory, much more doth the **ministration of righteousness** exceed in glory.

Greater Glory

2 Corinthians 3

¹⁰ For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the **glory that excelleth.**

Faith hath more Glory

2 Corinthians 3

¹¹ For if that which is done away was glorious, much more **that which remaineth is glorious.**

God made it simple

2 Corinthians 3

¹² Seeing then that we have such hope, we **use great plainness of speech:**

The old was abolished

2 Corinthians 3

¹³ And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that **the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:**

Vail is done away

2 Corinthians 3

¹⁴ But their **minds were blinded:** for until **this day remaineth the same vail** untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which **vail is done away in Christ.**

Vail upon the heart of Condemned

2 Corinthians 3

¹⁵ But even unto this day, when Moses is read, **the vail is upon their heart.**

Romans 11

⁶ And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

⁷ What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

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2 Corinthians 2:14-6:10

⁸ (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

Removed when Condemned Redeemed

2 Corinthians 3

¹⁶ Nevertheless when **it shall turn to the Lord**, the **vail shall be taken away**.

Jesus is that Spirit of Liberty

2 Corinthians 3

¹⁷ Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and where the **Spirit of the Lord is**, there is **liberty**.

Psalm 119

⁴⁵ And I will walk at **liberty**: for I seek thy precepts.

Galatians 5

¹ Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** wherewith Christ hath **made us free**, and **be not entangled again** with the yoke of bondage.

He changes all of us from Condemnation to Righteousness

2 Corinthians 3

¹⁸ But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as **by the Spirit of the Lord**.

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God's Mercy

2 Corinthians 4

Without Fainting

¹ Therefore seeing **we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;**

Psalm 103

²¹ Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye **ministers of His**, that **do his pleasure**.

Mark 10

⁴⁵ For even the **Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister**, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Manifesting God's Word of Truth

2 Corinthians 4

² But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by **manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience** in the sight of God.

Colossians 1

¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all **pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thessalonians 2

⁴ But as we were **allowed of God** to be **put in trust with the gospel**, even so **we speak; not as pleasing men, but God**, which trieth our hearts.

1 John 3

²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and **do those things that are pleasing in His sight**.

...which is hid from the lost

2 Corinthians 4

³ But if our gospel be hid, it is **hid to them that are lost:**

Matthew 15

²⁴ But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the **lost sheep** of the house of Israel.

Ephesians 3

⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

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...which is hid from the lost (cont)

2 Corinthians 4 (cont)

³ But if our gospel be hid, it is **hid to them that are lost**:

1 Corinthians 2

⁹ But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen**, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, **the things which God hath prepared** for them **that love him**.

Isaiah 64

4 For since the beginning of the world **men have not heard, nor perceived** by the ear, **neither hath the eye seen**, O God, beside thee, **what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him**.

Acts 28

²⁵ And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

²⁶ Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and **seeing ye shall see, and not perceive**:

²⁷ For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their **ears are dull of hearing**, and their **eyes have they closed**; **lest they should see** with their eyes, **and hear** with their ears, **and understand** with their heart, **and should be converted, and I should heal them**.

²⁸ Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

...whose minds are blinded because they believe not

2 Corinthians 4

⁴ In whom the **god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them**.

Yet we know our sovereign God is sovereign over ALL His creation...

...and has authority over life and death...

John 12

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

⁴⁰ **He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them**.

⁴¹ These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Matthew 13

¹⁹ When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his **heart**. This is he which received **seed** by the way side.

God created the waster to destroy...and the darkness to blind eyes

1 John 2

¹¹ But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath **blinded** his eyes.

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...yet **Christ is preached to all**

2 Corinthians 4

⁵ For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

God's Glory seen through the face of Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 4

⁶ For **God**, who **commanded the light to shine out of darkness**, hath **shined in our hearts**, to **give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

2 Samuel 22

²⁹ For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will **lighten my darkness**.

Psalm 18

²⁸ For **thou wilt light my candle**: the LORD my **God will enlighten my darkness**.

Isaiah 5

²⁰ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put **darkness for light**, and **light for darkness**; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

John 8

¹² Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall **not walk in darkness**, but shall **have the light of life**.

1 John 1

⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light**, and in him is no **darkness** at all.

God's Excellent Power

2 Corinthians 4

⁷ But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels**, that **the excellency of the power may be of God**, and **not of us**.

Preserving us

2 Corinthians 4

⁸ We are **troubled** on every side, yet not distressed; we are **perplexed**, but not in despair;

2 Corinthians 4

⁹ **Persecuted**, but not forsaken; **cast down**, but not destroyed;

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God's Manifestation

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁰ Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

Colossians 1

²⁵ Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

²⁶ Even the **mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:**

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Through death and life

2 Corinthians 4

¹¹ For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

1 Peter 1

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

²¹ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

...death and life works

2 Corinthians 4

¹² So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

God speaks through us

2 Corinthians 4

¹³ We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, **I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;**

1 Peter 4

¹¹ If any man **speak**, let him **speak** as the **oracles** of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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God raises Jesus and us by Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁴ Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

God has done all things for our sakes for His glory

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

...which is why we do not faint

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁶ For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

...which is why we are afflicted

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

...revealing spiritual, eternal things

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁸ While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are **SEEN** are temporal; but the things which are **not seen** are eternal.

God's tabernacle

2 Corinthians 5

¹ For we know that if our earthly house of **this tabernacle** were dissolved, we have a **building of God**, an house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens**.

1 Corinthians 6

¹⁹ What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have **of God**, and **ye are not your own**?

John 14

2 In my Father's house are **many mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

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...heavenly fabric

2 Corinthians 5

²For in this we **groan**, earnestly **desiring to be clothed upon with our house** which is **from heaven**:

Romans 8

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves**, waiting for the **adoption**, to wit, the **redemption of our body**.

We are clothed

2 Corinthians 5

³If so be that **being clothed** we shall **not be found naked**.

We do groan

2 Corinthians 5

⁴For **we that are in this tabernacle do groan**, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, **that mortality might be swallowed up of life**.

God wrought us

2 Corinthians 5

⁵Now he that hath **wrought us** for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the **earnest of the Spirit**.

To be confident

2 Corinthians 5

⁶Therefore **we are always confident**, knowing that, whilst we are at **home in the body**, we are **absent from the Lord**:

To walk by faith

2 Corinthians 5

⁷(For we **walk by faith, not by sight**:)

Willing to remain

2 Corinthians 5

⁸**We are confident**, I say, and **willing rather to be absent from the body**, and to be **present with the Lord**.

Accepted to labour

2 Corinthians 5

⁹Wherefore **we labour**, that, whether **present or absent**, we may be **accepted of him**.

God's Judgment

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁰For we must **all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that **every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done**, whether it be **good or bad**.

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...unpersuaded terror

2 Corinthians 5

¹¹ **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.**

...appearance of glory

2 Corinthians 5

¹² **For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.**

...causal relationship

2 Corinthians 5

¹³ **For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.**

...all have died

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁴ **For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:**

...live for themselves

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁵ **And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.**

...live for man

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁶ **Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.**

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God made us a New Creature

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

God's Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁸ And **all things are of God**, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation**;

Romans 5

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son**, much more, **being reconciled**, we shall be saved by His life.

...Reconciled us unto Himself

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁹ To wit, that **God was in Christ**, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath **committed unto us the word of reconciliation**.

Colossians 1

²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet **now hath he reconciled**

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

...made us Ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5

²⁰ Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God**.

...made us Righteousness of God by making Himself sin for us

2 Corinthians 5

²¹ For he hath **made him to be sin for us**, who **knew no sin**; that we might be **made the righteousness of God in Him**.

...made us workers

2 Corinthians 6

¹ We then, as **workers together with him**, beseech you also that ye **receive not the grace of God in vain**.

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God's Reconciliation (*cont*)

...at the accepted time of salvation

2 Corinthians 6

² (For he saith, I have **heard thee in a time accepted**, and in the **day of salvation** have I succoured thee: behold, **now is the accepted time**; behold, **now is the day of salvation**.)

Isaiah 49

⁸ Thus saith the LORD, **In an acceptable time** have I heard thee, and in a **day of salvation** have I helped thee: and **I will preserve thee**, and **give thee for a covenant** of the people, to **establish the earth**, to **cause to inherit the desolate heritages**;

God's Blamelessness

2 Corinthians 6

³ **Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:**

Ephesians 1

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and **without blame** before him **in love**:

1 Timothy 5

⁷ And these things **give in charge**, that they may **be blameless**.

2 Peter 3

¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent** [conscientious] that ye may be **found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless**.

Diligent – NT:4704 σπουδάζω **spoudazo** (spoo-dad'-zo); from NT:4710; to use speed, i.e. to make effort, be prompt or earnest:

KJV - do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavour, labour, study.

Colossians 1

²⁰ And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

²¹ And you, that were sometime **alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works**, **yet now hath he reconciled**

²² **In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**

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God's approval

2 Corinthians 6

⁴ But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Corinthians 6

⁵ In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

2 Corinthians 6

⁶ By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

2 Corinthians 6

⁷ By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

2 Corinthians 6

⁸ By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

2 Corinthians 6

⁹ As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁰ As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

2 Corinthians 10

¹⁸ For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

2 Timothy 2

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Approved – NT:1384 δόκιμος **dokimos** (dok'-ee-mos); from NT:1380; properly, acceptable (current after assayal), i.e. approved: **KJV** - approved, tried.

Rightly dividing – NT:3718 ὀρθοτομέω **orthotomeo** (or-thot-om-eh'-o); from a compound of NT:3717 and the base of NT:5114, to make a straight cut, i.e. (figuratively) to dissect (expound) correctly (the divine message):

KJV - rightly divide.

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Church matters more to God

Thus he cause His anger toward us to cease

Psalm 85

⁴ Turn us, O God of our salvation, and **cause thine anger toward us to cease.**

Extended His mercy and kindness toward us

Psalm 117

² For his **merciful kindness is great toward us**: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

Commended His love toward us

Romans 5

⁸ But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Abounded in wisdom and prudence toward us

Ephesians 1

⁸ Wherein he hath **abounded toward us** in all wisdom and prudence [*carefulness and caution*];

Extended riches and grace and kindness toward us

Ephesians 2

⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the **exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us** through Christ Jesus.

Manifested His love toward us

1 John 4

⁹ In this was **manifested the love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Distorted view of ministry today...

Ministry is important and the church work should not prevent us from ministering to the world..

...but I do not minister in my name...

Church then matters more than a ministry in my name...

All THAT God hath done for us is greater than that ministry...

....it is HIS MINISTRY for the church by which we are made able ministers and do minister according to the Word of God...

...if our ministry is seen as God working/ministering through us...

*Thus we endure through all circumstances that God should perform His works through us...because church matters more
To God be the glory...*

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ENLARGED HEART

2 Corinthians 6 ...praise and preaching

¹¹ O ye Corinthians, **our mouth is open** unto you, **our heart is enlarged**.

Joshua 22

⁵ But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to **walk in all his ways**, and to **keep his commandments**, and to **cleave unto him**, and to **serve him with all your heart and with all your soul**.

Matthew 5

⁸ Blessed are the **pure in heart**: for they shall see God.

Mark 12 ...greatest commandments

²⁹ And Jesus answered him, The **first of all the commandments** is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord our God is one Lord**:

³⁰ And thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart**, and **with all thy soul**, and **with all thy mind**, and **with all thy strength**: this is the first commandment.

³¹ And the **second** is like, namely this, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**. There is **none other commandment greater than these**.

Proverbs 1

²³ **Turn you at my reproof**: behold, **I will pour out my spirit unto you**, **I will make known my words unto you**.

Proverbs 1

²⁵ But ye have **set at nought** all my **counsel**, and **would none of my reproof**:

Proverbs 1

³⁰ They would none of my counsel: they **despised all my reproof**.

Proverbs 5

¹² And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised **reproof**;

Proverbs 6

²³ For the **commandment is a lamp**; and the **law is light**; and **reproofs of instruction are the way of life**:

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TENDER AFFECTION

2 Corinthians 6

¹² Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

Straitened – NT:4729 στενοχωρέω **stenochoreo** (sten-okh-o-reh'-o); from the same as NT:4730; to hem in closely, i.e. (figuratively) cramp: **KJV** - distress, straiten.

Bowels – NT:4698 σπλάγχνον **splagchnon** (splangk'h'-non); probably strengthened from splen (the "spleen"); an intestine (plural); figuratively, pity or sympathy: **KJV** - bowels, inward affection, + tender mercy.

*We have room to receive you...
...do you have room to receive us...*

Philippians 1

⁸ For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the **bowels** of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6

¹³ Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) **be ye also enlarged**.

Recompence – NT:489 ἀντιμισθία **antimisthia** (an-tee-mis-thee'-ah); from a compound of NT:473 and NT:3408; requital, correspondence: **KJV** - recompense.

[*Compensate, repay, remunerate, payment*]

1 John 3

¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he **laid down his life for us**: and we ought **to lay down our lives for the brethren**.

¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his **bowels of compassion** from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

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SEPARATION

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Matthew 11

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Galatians 5 ...not a yoke of bondage

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Proverbs 5

¹² And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

Proverbs 9

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 8

³³ Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

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SEPARATION (cont)

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Proverbs 10

¹⁷ He is in **the way of life that keepeth instruction**: but he that **refuseth reproof erreth**.

Refuseth – OT:5800 **עָזַב** `azab (aw-zab'); a primitive root; to loosen, i.e. relinquish, permit, etc.:

KJV - commitself, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse, ^x surely.

Reproof – OT:8433 **תוֹכַחַת** towkechah (to-kay-khaw'); and towkachath (to-kakh'-ath); from OT:3198; chastisement; figuratively (by words) correction, refutation, proof (even in defence):

KJV - argument, ^x chastened, correction, reasoning, rebuke, reproof, ^x be (often) reprov'd.

Erreth – OT:5800 **עָזַב** `azab (aw-zab'); a primitive root; to loosen, i.e.

relinquish, permit, etc.:

KJV – commit self, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse, ^x surely.

Ephesians 5

¹¹ And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather **reprove them**.

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DISCONNECTION

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁵ And **what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?**

Concord – NT:4857 συμφώνησις **sumphonesis** (soom-fo'-nay-sis); from NT:4856; accordance [agreement, unity, friendship]: **KJV** - concord.

Philippians 2

¹ If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

² **Fulfil ye my joy**, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of **one accord**, of one mind.

One accord – NT:4861 σύμψυχος **sumpsuchos** (soom'-psoo-khos); from NT:4862 and NT:5590; co-spirited, i.e. similar in sentiment:

KJV - like-minded.

³ Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

DISAGREEMENT

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁶ And **what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, I will **dwell in them, and walk in them**; and I will **be their God, and they shall be my people**.

Amos 3

3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Philippians 3

¹⁷ Brethren, **be followers together** of me, and **mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample**.

Ephesians 4

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, even Christ:

¹⁶ From whom the whole body **fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love**.

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk**, in the **vanity of their mind**,

¹⁸ Having the **understanding darkened**, being **alienated from the life of God** through the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart**:

Proverbs 23

¹² **Apply thine heart unto instruction**, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

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REJECTION

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁷ Wherefore **come out from among them**, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and **I will receive you**.

Proverbs 19

⁴ Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is **separated** from his neighbour.

Isaiah 59

² But your iniquities have **separated** between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Galatians 1

¹⁵ But when **it pleased God**, who **separated** me from my mother's womb, and **called me** by his grace,

Romans 1

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated unto the gospel of God**,

Romans 8

³⁵ Who shall **separate** us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Jude 1

¹⁷ But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

¹⁸ How that they told you there should be **mockers in the last time**, who should **walk after their own ungodly lusts**.

¹⁹ **These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit**.

Separate – NT:592 ἀποδιорίζω **apodiorizo** (ap-od-ee-or-id'-zo); from NT:575 and a compound of NT:223 and NT:3724; to disjoin (by a boundary, figuratively, a party): **KJV** - separate.

²⁰ But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves** on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Ghost,

²¹ **Keep yourselves in the love of God**, looking for the **mercy** of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And of **some have compassion**, making a difference:

²³ And **others save with fear**, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Romans 8

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be **able to separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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...COMPASSION

2 Corinthians 6

¹⁸ And will **be a Father unto you**, and **ye shall be my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty.

Proverbs 4

¹ Hear, ye children, the **instruction of a father**, and attend to know understanding.

Psalm 103

¹³ Like as a **father pitieth his children**, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

Proverbs 3

¹² For **whom the LORD loveth he correcteth**; even as a **father** the son in whom he delighteth.

1 Timothy 5

¹ Rebuke not an elder, but **intreat him as a father**; and the younger men as brethren;

1 Timothy 5

¹⁷ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of **double honour**, especially they who **labour in the word and doctrine**.

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IMMORALITY

2 Corinthians 7

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

Cleanse – NT:2511 καθαρίζω **katharizo** (kath-ar-id'-zo); from NT:2513; to cleanse (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - (make) clean (-se), purge, purify.

Filthiness – NT:3436 μολυσμός **molusmos** (mol-oos-mos'); from NT:3435; a stain; i.e. (figuratively) immorality: **KJV** - filthiness.

Proverbs 30

¹² There is a generation that are **pure in their own eyes**, and yet is **not washed from their filthiness.**

Ephesians 5

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

⁴ **Neither filthiness**, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an **idolater**, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

James 1

²⁰ For the **wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.**

Wrath – NT:3709 ὀργή **orge** (or-gay'); from NT:3713; properly, desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), i.e. (by analogy,) violent passion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by implication punishment:

KJV - anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath.

²¹ **Wherefore lay apart all filthiness** and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Filthiness – NT:4507 ῥυπαρία **rhuparia** (hroo-par-ee'-ah); from NT:4508; dirtiness (morally): **KJV** - turpitude.

Naughtiness – NT:2549 κακία **kakia** (kak-ee'-ah); from NT:2556; badness, i.e. (subjectively) depravity, or (actively) malignity, or (passively) trouble:

KJV - evil, malice (-iousness), naughtiness, wickedness.

²² But **be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

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CORRUPTION

2 Corinthians 7

² **Receive us**; we have **wronged no man**, we have **corrupted no man**, we have **defrauded no man**.

Receive – NT:5562 χωρέω **choreo** (kho-reh'-o); from NT:5561; to be in (give) space, i.e. (intransitively) to pass, enter, or (transitively) to hold, admit (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - come, contain, go, have place, (can, be room to) receive.

Wronged – NT:91 ὀδικέω **adikeo** (ad-ee-keh'-o); from NT:94; to be unjust, i.e. (actively) do wrong (morally, socially or physically):

KJV - hurt, injure, be an offender, be unjust, (do, suffer, take) wrong.

Corrupted – NT:5351 φθείρω **phtheiro** (fthi'-ro); probably strengthened from phthio (to pine or waste); properly, to shrivel or wither, i.e. to spoil (by any process) or (generally) to ruin (especially figuratively, by moral influences, to deprave):

KJV - corrupt (self), defile, destroy.

Defrauded – NT:4122 πλεονεκτέω **pleonekteo** (pleh-on-cek-teh'-o); from NT:4123; to be covetous, i.e. (by implication) to over-reach:

KJV - get an advantage, defraud, make a gain.

2 Corinthians 11

¹⁶ I say again, let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool **receive me**, that I may boast myself a little.

Receive – NT:1209 δέχομαι **dechomai** (dekh'-om-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to receive (in various applications, literally or figuratively):

KJV - accept, receive, take. Compare NT:2983.

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CONDEMNATION

2 Corinthians 7

³ **I speak not this to condemn you:** for I have said before, that **ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.**

Condemn – NT:2633 κατακρίσις **katakrisis** (kat-ak'-ree-sis); from NT:2632; sentencing adversely (the act): **KJV** - condemn (-ation).

Matthew 12

³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be **condemned**.

Luke 6

³⁷ **Judge not**, and ye shall not be judged: **condemn not**, and ye shall not be **condemned**: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

John 3

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to **condemn** the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

2 Corinthians 3

⁹ For if the ministration of **condemnation** be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

...SELFLESSNESS

2 Corinthians 7

⁴ Great is my **boldness of speech** toward you, great is my **glorying of you**: I am **filled with comfort**, I am **exceeding joyful** in all our **tribulation**.

Comfort – NT:3874 παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from NT:3870; imploration, hortation, solace:
KJV - comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

TROUBLES

2 Corinthians 7

⁵ For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were **troubled** on every side; without were **fightings**, within were **fears**.

Troubled – NT:2346 θλίβω **thlibo** (thlee'-bo); akin to the base of NT:5147; to crowd (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble.

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CAST DOWN

2 Corinthians 7

⁶ Nevertheless **God**, that **comforteth those that are cast down**, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

Cast down – NT:5011 ταπεινός **tapeinos** (tap-i-nos'); of uncertain derivation; depressed, i.e. (figuratively) humiliated (in circumstances or disposition):

KJV - base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), lowly.

Comforted – NT:3870 παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from NT:3844 and NT:2564; to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation):

KJV - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

MOURNING

2 Corinthians 7

⁷ And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your **earnest desire**, your mourning, your **fervent mind toward me**; so that **I rejoiced the more**.

Consolation – NT:3874 παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from NT:3870; imploration, hortation, solace: **KJV** - comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

Mourning – NT:3602 ὄδυρμός **odurmos** (od-oor-mos'); from a derivative of the base of NT:1416; moaning, i.e. lamentation: **KJV** - mourning.

UNREPENTENT

2 Corinthians 7

⁸ For though I **made you sorry with a letter**, **I do not repent**, though I did **repent**: for I perceive that the same epistle hath **made you sorry**, though it were **but for a season**.

Sorry – NT:3076 λυπέω **lupeo** (loo-peh'-o); from NT:3077; to distress; reflexively or passively, to be sad:

KJV - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry.

Repent – NT:3338 μεταμέλλομαι **metamellomai** (met-am-el'-lom-ah-ee); from NT:3326 and the middle voice of NT:3199; to care afterwards, i.e. regret:

KJV - repent (self).

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DAMAGED

2 Corinthians 7

⁹ Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

Repentance – NT:3341 μετάνοια **metanoia** (met-an'-oy-ah); from NT:3340; (subjectively) compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication reversal (of [another's] decision): **KJV** - repentance.

Damage – NT:2210 ζημιόω **zemioo** (dzay-mee-o'-o); from NT:2209; to injure, i.e. (reflexively or passively) to experience detriment: **KJV** - be cast away, receive damage, lose, suffer loss.

DEATH

2 Corinthians 7

¹⁰ For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Worketh – NT:2038 ἐργάζομαι **ergazomai** (er-gad'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:2041; to toil (as a task, occupation, etc.), (by implication) effect, be engaged in or with, etc.: **KJV** - commit, do, labor for, minister about, trade (by), work.

Repentance – NT:4991 σωτηρία **soteria** (so-tay-ree'-ah); feminine of a derivative of NT:4990 as (properly, abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally): **KJV** - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

Worketh – NT:2716 κατεργάζομαι **katergazomai** (kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee); from NT:2596 and NT:2038; do work fully, i.e. accomplish; by implication, to finish, fashion: **KJV** - cause, to (deed), perform, work (out).

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SORROWS

2 Corinthians 7

¹¹ For behold this selfsame thing, that ye **sorrowed after a godly sort**, what **carefulness it wrought in you**, yea, what **clearing of yourselves**, yea, what **indignation**, yea, what **fear**, yea, what **vehement desire**, yea, what **zeal**, yea, what **revenge!** In all things ye have **approved yourselves to be clear in this matter**.

Carefulness – NT:4710 σπουδή **spoude** (spoo-day'); from NT:4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:

KJV - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

Clearing – NT:627 ἀπολογία **apologia** (ap-ol-og-ee'-ah); from the same as NT:626; a plea ("apology"): **KJV** - answer (for self), clearing of self, defence.

Indignation – NT:24 ἀγανάκτησις **aganaktesis** (ag-an-ak'-tay-sis); from NT:23; indignation: **KJV** - indignation.

Fear – NT:5401 φόβος **phobos** (fob'-os); from a primary phobomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: **KJV** - be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

Vehement desire – NT:1972 ἐπιπόθησις **epipotesis** (ep-ee-poth'-ay-sis); from NT:1971; a longing for: **KJV** - earnest (vehement) desire.

Zeal – NT:2205 ζήλος **zelos** (dzay'-los); from NT:2204; properly, heat, i.e. (figuratively) "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, jealousy, as of a husband [figuratively, of God], or an enemy, malice): **KJV** - emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.

Revenge – NT:1557 ἐκδίκησις **ekdikesis** (ek-dik'-ay-sis); from NT:1556; vindication, retribution: **KJV** - (a-, re-) venge (-ance), punishment.

Approved – NT:4921 συνιστάω **sunistao** (soon-is-tah'-o); or (strengthened) sunistano (soon-is-tan'-o); or **sunistemi** (soon-is'-tay-mee); from NT:4862 and NT:2476 (including its collat. forms); to set together, i.e. (by implication) to introduce (favorably), or (figuratively) to exhibit; intransitively, to stand near, or (figuratively) to constitute: **KJV** - approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with).

SUFFERING

2 Corinthians 7

¹² Wherefore, though I **wrote unto you**, I **did it not** for his cause that had **done the wrong**, nor for his cause that **suffered wrong**, but that our **care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you**.

Suffered wrong – NT:91 ἀδικέω **adikeo** (ad-ee-keh'-o); from NT:94; to be unjust, i.e. (actively) do wrong (morally, socially or physically):

KJV - hurt, injure, be an offender, be unjust, (do, suffer, take) wrong.

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DISCOMFORTED

2 Corinthians 7

¹³ Therefore we were **comforted in your comfort**: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the **joy of Titus**, because his spirit was **refreshed by you all**.

Comforted – NT:3870 παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from NT:3844 and NT:2564; to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): **KJV** - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Ezekiel 14

²² Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.

²³ And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

2 Corinthians 7

¹⁴ For if I have **boasted** any thing to him of you, I am **not ashamed**; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is **found a truth**.

Boasted – NT:2744 καυχάομαι **kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ahee); from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and NT:2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

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IN FEAR AND TREMBLING

2 Corinthians 7

¹⁵ And his **inward affection** is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how **with fear and trembling ye received him**.

Inward affection – NT:4698 σπλάγχνον **splagchnon** (splangkh'-non); probably strengthened from splen (the "spleen"); an intestine (plural); figuratively, pity or sympathy: **KJV** - bowels, inward affection, + tender mercy.

Psalm 51

⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the **inward** parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Jeremiah 31

³³ But this shall be the **covenant that I will make with the house of Israel**; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts**, and **write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Matthew 7

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but **inwardly** they are ravening wolves.

Romans 7

²² For I delight in the law of God after the **inward** man:

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁶ For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the **inward** man is renewed day by day.

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CONFIDENCE

2 Corinthians 7

¹⁶ **I rejoice** therefore **that I have confidence in you in all things.**

Confidence – NT:2292 θαρρέω **tharrheo** (thar-hreh'-o); another form for NT:2293; to exercise courage:

KJV - be bold, ^xboldly, have confidence, be confident. Compare NT:5111.

Psalm 118

⁸ It is **better to trust in the LORD** than to put **confidence in man.**

Psalm 118

⁹ It is **better to trust in the LORD** than to put **confidence in princes.**

Galatians 5

¹⁰ I have **confidence in you** through the Lord, **that ye will be none otherwise minded:** but **he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.**

Philippians 1

⁶ Being **confident of this very thing**, that **he which hath begun** a good work in you **will perform it** until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 Thessalonians 3

⁴ And we have **confidence** in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

1 John 3

²⁰ For **if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.**

1 John 30

²¹ Beloved, **if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence** toward God.

Confidently...
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Through the Love of God
That we be built up together
...and that our hearts be enlarged

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LIBERAL GIVING

2 Corinthians 8

¹ Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the **grace of God bestowed** on the churches of Macedonia;

Wit – NT:1107 γνωρίζω **gnorizo** (gno-rid'-zo); from a derivative of NT:1097; to make known; subjectively, to know:

KJV - certify, declare, make known, give to understand, do to wit, wot.

Bestowed – NT:1325 δίδωμι **didomi** (did'-o-mee); a prolonged form of a primary verb (which is used as an altern. in most of the tenses); to give (used in a very wide application, properly, or by implication, literally or figuratively; greatly modified by the connection):

KJV - adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver (up), give, grant, hinder, make, minister, number, offer, have power, put, receive, set, shew, smite (+with the hand), strike (+with the palm of the hand), suffer, take, utter, yield.

1 John 3

¹ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath **bestowed** upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Churches – NT:1577 ἐκκλησία **ekklesia** (ek-klay-see'-ah); from a compound of NT:1537 and a derivative of NT:2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both):

KJV - assembly, church.

2 Corinthians 8

² How that **in a great trial of affliction** the **abundance** of their joy and their **deep poverty** abounded unto the riches of their **liberality**.

Affliction – NT:2347 θλίψις **thlipsis** (thlip'-sis); from NT:2346; pressure (literally or figuratively):

KJV - afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Abundance – NT:4050 περισσεία **perisseia** (per-is-si'-ah); from NT:4052; surplusage, i.e. superabundance: **KJV** - abundance (-ant, [-ly]), superfluity.

Joy – NT:5479 χαρά **chara** (khar-ah'); from NT:5463; cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight: **KJV** - gladness, ^x greatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

Poverty – NT:4432 πτωχεία **ptocheia** (pto-khi'-ah); from NT:4433; beggary, i.e. indigence (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - poverty.

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LIBERAL GIVING (*cont*)

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Abounded – NT:4052 περισσεύω **perisseuo** (per-is-syoo'-o); from NT:4053; to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel:

KJV - (make, more) abound, (have, have more) abundance (be more) abundant, be the better, enough and to spare, exceed, excel, increase, be left, redound, remain (over and above).

Romans 5

²⁰ Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**

Ephesians 1

⁸ Wherein he hath **abounded** toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Liberality – NT:572 ἀπλότης **haplotēs** (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):

KJV - bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness.

Philippians 4

¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

¹² I **know both how to be abased**, and I **know how to abound**: every where and in all things I am **instructed both to be full and to be hungry**, both to **abound and to suffer need**.

¹³ **I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

Philippians 4

¹⁴ Notwithstanding ye have well done, that **ye did communicate with my affliction**.

¹⁵ Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

2 Corinthians 8

³ For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

Power – NT:1411 δύναμις **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is); from NT:1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):

KJV - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Bear record – NT:3140 μαρτυρέω **martureo** (mar-too-reh'-o); from NT:3144; to be witness, i.e. testify (literally or figuratively):

KJV - charge, give [evidence], bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

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LIBERAL GIVING (cont)

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Willing – NT:830 αὐθαίρετος **authairetos** (ow-thah'-ee-ret-os); from NT:846 and the same as NT:140; self-chosen, i.e. (by implication) voluntary:

KJV - of own accord, willing ofself.

Matthew 5

²³ Therefore if thou **bring thy gift** to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

²⁴ **Leave there thy gift before the altar**, and go thy way; first be **reconciled** to thy brother, and **then come and offer thy gift**.

Proverbs 3

²⁷ **Withhold not good from them to whom it is due**, when it is in the **power of thine hand** to do it.

²⁸ **Say not** unto thy neighbour, **Go, and come again**, and **to morrow I will give**; when thou hast it by thee.

2 Corinthians 8

⁴ Praying us with much intreaty that we would **receive the gift**, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

Intreaty – NT:3874 παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from NT:3870; imploration, hortation, solace: **KJV** - comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

Gift – NT:5485 χάρις **charis** (khar'-ece); from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

1 Peter 4

¹⁰ **As every man hath received the gift, even so minister** the same one to another, as **good stewards** of the manifold **grace of God**.

Fellowship – NT:2842 κοινωνία **koinonia** (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from NT:2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) **participation**, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction [support backing sponsorship aid]:

KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

Ministering – NT:1248 διακονία **diakonia** (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah); from NT:1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):

KJV - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

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LIBERAL GIVING (*cont*)

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⁵ And **this they did**, not as we **hoped**, but first **gave their own selves** to the Lord, **and** unto us by the will of God.

Will – NT:2307 θέλημα **thelema** (thel'-ay-mah); from the prolonged form of NT:2309; a determination (properly, the thing), i.e. (actively) choice (specially, purpose, decree; abstractly, volition) or (passively) inclination: **KJV** - desire, pleasure, will.

2 Corinthians 8 see them full of grace

⁶ Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also **finish in you the same grace also**.

Finish – NT:2005 ἐπιτελέω **epiteleo** (ep-ee-tel-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:5055; to fulfill further (or completely), i.e. execute; by implication, to terminate, undergo: **KJV** - accomplish, do, finish, (make) (perfect), perform (X -ance).

John 1

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace** and truth.

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PURPOSEFUL GIVING

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⁷ Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, **and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace** also.

Faith – NT:4102 πίστις **pistis** (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: **KJV** - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Utterance – NT:3056 λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from NT:3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, ^xconcerning, doctrine, fame, ^xhave to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, ⁺reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, ^xspeaker, speech, talk, thing, ⁺none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

Knowledge – NT:1108 γνῶσις **gnosis** (gno'-sis); from NT:1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge: **KJV** - knowledge, science.

Diligence – NT:4710 σπουδή **spoude** (spoo-day'); from NT:4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:

KJV - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

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⁸ I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

Occasion – NT:1223 διὰ **dia** (dee-ah'); a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; through (in very wide applications, local, causal, or occasional):

KJV - after, always, among, at, to avoid, because of (that), briefly, by, for (cause). ..fore, from, in, by occasion of, of, by reason of, for sake, that, thereby, therefore, ^xthough, through (-out), to, wherefore, with (-in). In composition it retains the same general import.

Forwardness – NT:4710 σπουδή **spoude** (spoo-day'); from NT:4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:

KJV - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

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PURPOSEFUL GIVING (cont)

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Prove – NT:1381 δοκιμάζω **dokimazo** (dok-im-ad'-zo); from NT:1384; to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve:

KJV - allow, discern, examine, ^xlike, (ap-) prove, try.

Philippians 1

¹⁰ That ye may **approve** things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

Sincerity – NT:1103 γνήσιος **gnesios** (gnay'-see-os); from the same as NT:1077; legitimate (of birth), i.e. genuine: **KJV** - own, sincerity, true.

2 Corinthians 8

⁹ For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Rich – NT:4145 πλούσιος **plousios** (ploos'-see-os); from NT:4149; wealthy; figuratively, abounding with: **KJV** - rich.

Poor – NT:4433 πτωχεύω **ptocheuo** (pto-khyoo'-o); from NT:4434; to be a beggar, i.e. (by implication) to become indigent (figuratively): **KJV** - become poor.

Poverty – NT:4432 πτωχεία **ptocheia** (pto-khi'-ah); from NT:4433; beggary, i.e. indigence (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - poverty.

Rich – NT:4147 πλουτέω **plouteo** (ploos'-teh'-o); from NT:4148; to be (or become) wealthy (literally or figuratively):

KJV - be increased with goods, (be made, wax) rich.

2 Corinthians 8

¹⁰ And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

Advice – NT:1106 γνώμη **gnome** (gno'-may); from NT:1097; cognition, i.e. (subjectively) opinion, or (objectively) resolve (counsel, consent, etc.):

KJV - advice, ⁺ agree, judgment, mind, purpose, will.

Expedient – NT:4851 συμφέρω **sumphero** (soom-fer'-o); from NT:4862 and NT:5342 (including its alternate); to bear together (contribute), i.e. (literally) to collect, or (figuratively) to conduce; especially (neuter participle as a noun) advantage:

KJV - be better for, bring together, be expedient (for), be good, (be) profit (-able for).

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PURPOSEFUL GIVING (cont)

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Do – NT:4160 ποιέω **poieo** (poy-eh'-o); apparently a prolonged form of an obsolete primary; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct):

KJV - abide, + agree, appoint, ^xavenge, + band together, be, bear, + bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, + content, continue, deal, + without any delay, (would) do (-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, ^xjourneying, keep, + lay wait, + lighten the ship, make, ^xmean, + none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, + have purged, purpose, put, + raising up, ^xsecure, shew, ^xshoot out, spend, take, tarry, + transgress the law, work, yield. Compare NT:4238.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁷ Charge them that are **rich in this world**, that they **be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches**, but in the **living God**, who **giveth us richly all things to enjoy**;

¹⁸ That they **do good**, that they **be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate**;

¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a **good foundation** against the time to come, that they may lay hold on **eternal life**.

Forward – NT:2309 θέλω **thelo** (thel'-o); or **ethelo** (eth-el'-o); in certain tenses **theleo** (thel-eh'-o); and **etheleo** (eth-el-eh'-o); which are otherwise obsolete; apparently strengthened from the alternate form of NT:138; to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse; whereas NT:1014 properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in:

KJV - desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling [-ly]).

2 Corinthians 8

¹¹ Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

Perform – NT:2005 ἐπιτελέω **epiteleo** (ep-ee-tel-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:5055; to fulfill further (or completely), i.e. execute; by implication, to terminate, undergo:

KJV - accomplish, do, finish, (make) (perfect), perform (X -ance).

Readiness – NT:4288 προθυμία **prothumia** (proth-oo-mee'-ah); from NT:4289; predisposition, i.e. alacrity:

KJV - forwardness of mind, readiness (of mind), ready (willing) mind.

Performance – NT:2005 ἐπιτελέω **epiteleo** (ep-ee-tel-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:5055; to fulfill further (or completely), i.e. execute; by implication, to terminate, undergo:

KJV - accomplish, do, finish, (make) (perfect), perform (X -ance).

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PURPOSEFUL GIVING (cont)

2 Corinthians 8 (cont)

¹² For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

Willing mind – NT:4288 προθυμία **prothumia** (proth-oo-mee'-ah); from NT:4289; predisposition, i.e. alacrity:

KJV - forwardness of mind, readiness (of mind), ready (willing) mind.

Accepted – NT:2144 εὐπρόσδεκτος **euprosdektos** (yoo-pros'-dek-tos); from NT:2095 and a derivative of NT:4327; well-received, i.e. approved, favorable:

KJV - acceptable (-ted).

According – NT:2526 καθολικός καθό **katho** (kath-o'); from NT:2596 and NT:3739; according to which thing, i.e. precisely as, in proportion as:

KJV - according to that, (inasmuch) as.

¹³ For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

Eased – NT:425 ἄνεσις **anesis** (an'-es-is); from NT:447; relaxation or (figuratively) relief: **KJV** - eased, liberty, rest.

Burdened – NT:2347 θλίψις **thlipsis** (thlip'-sis); from NT:2346; pressure (literally or figuratively):

KJV - afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Matthew 23

⁴ For **they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne**, and lay them on men's shoulders; but **they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers**.

2 Corinthians 8

¹⁴ But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

Equality – NT:2471 ἰσότης **isotes** (ee-sot'-ace); likeness (in condition or proportion); by implication, equity: **KJV** - equal (-ity).

Abundance – NT:4051 περίσσευμα **perisseuma** (per-is'-syoo-mah); from NT:4052; a surplus, or superabundance: **KJV** - abundance, that was left, over and above.

Galatians 6

2 Bear ye one another's **burdens**, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

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PURPOSEFUL GIVING (cont)

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¹⁵ As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

Much – NT:4183 πολύς **polus** (pol-oos'); including the forms from the alternate **pollos**; (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many; neuter (singular) as adverbial, largely; neuter (plural) as adverb or noun often, mostly, largely:
KJV - abundant, + altogether, common, + far (passed, spent), (+be of a) great (age, deal, -ly, while), long, many, much, oft (-en [-times]), plenteous, sore, straitly.
Compare NT:4118, NT:4119.

Nothing – NT:3756 οὐ **ou** (oo); also (before a vowel) **ouk** (ook); and (before an aspirate) **ouch** (ookh); a primary word; the absolute negative [compare NT:3361] adverb; no or not:

KJV - + long, nay, neither, never, no (X man), none, [can-] not, + nothing, + special, un ([-worthy]), when, + without, + yet but. See also NT:3364, NT:3372.

Lack – NT:1641 ἐλαττονέω **elattoneo** (el-at-ton-eh-o); from NT:1640; to diminish, i.e. fall short: **KJV** - have lack.

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING

2 Corinthians 8 ...to select helpers

¹⁶ But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

Thanks – NT:5485 χάρις **charis** (khar'-ece); from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

Earnest Care – NT:4710 σπουδή **spoude** (spoo-day'); from NT:4692; "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness:

KJV - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

2 Corinthians 8 ...willing helpers

¹⁷ For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

Accepted – NT:1209 δέχομαι **dechomai** (dekh'-om-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to receive (in various applications, literally or figuratively):

KJV - accept, receive, take. Compare NT:2983.

Exhortation – NT:3874 παράκλησις **paraklesis** (par-ak'-lay-sis); from NT:3870; imploration, hortation, solace: **KJV** - comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

Forward – NT:4707 σπουδαιότερος **spoudaioteros** (spoo-dah-yot'-er-os); comparative of NT:4705; more prompt, more earnest:

KJV - more diligent (forward).

Accord – NT:830 αὐθαίρετος **authairetos** (ow-thah'-ee-ret-os); from NT:846 and the same as NT:140; self-chosen, i.e. (by implication) voluntary:

KJV - of own accord, willing ofself.

2 Corinthians 8

¹⁸ And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 8 ...full of grace

¹⁹ And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is **administered by us** to the glory of the same Lord, and **declaration of your ready mind**:
Chosen – NT:5500 χειροτονέω **cheirotoneo** (khi-rot-on-eh'-o); from a comparative of NT:5495 and teino (to stretch); to be a hand-reacher or voter (by raising the hand), i.e. (generally) to select or appoint: **KJV** - choose, ordain.

Administered – NT:1247 διακονέω **diakoneo** (dee-ak-on-eh'-o); from NT:1249; to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon (mentally or as a host, friend, or [figuratively] teacher); techn. to act as a Christian deacon:
KJV - (ad-) minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon.

Ready mind – NT:4288 προθυμία **prothumia** (proth-oo-mee'-ah); from NT:4289; predisposition, i.e. alacrity:
KJV - forwardness of mind, readiness (of mind), ready (willing) mind.

2 Corinthians 8 ...not just in appearance

²⁰ Avoiding this, that **no man should blame us** in this abundance which is administered by us:
Avoiding – NT:4724 στέλλω **stello** (stel'-lo); probably strengthened from the base of NT:2476; properly, to set fast ("stall"), i.e. (figuratively) to repress (reflexively, abstain from associating with): **KJV** - avoid, withdraw self.

Abundance – NT:100 ἄδρότης **hadrotes** (had-rot'-ace); from **hadros** (stout); plumpness, i.e. (figuratively) liberality: **KJV** - abundance.

Administered – NT:1247 διακονέω **diakoneo** (dee-ak-on-eh'-o); from NT:1249; to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon (mentally or as a host, friend, or [figuratively] teacher); techn. to act as a Christian deacon:
KJV - (ad-) minister (unto), serve, use the office of a deacon.

1 Thessalonians 5

²² Abstain from all **appearance** of evil.

Philippians 2

¹⁵ That ye may be **blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, **without rebuke**, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye **shine as lights in the world**;

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (cont)

2 Corinthians 8...before God and man

²¹ Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

Providing – NT:4306 προνοέω **pronoeo** (pron-o-eh'-o); from NT:4253 and NT:3539; to consider in advance, i.e. look out for beforehand (actively, by way of maintenance for others; middle voice by way of circumspection for oneself): **KJV** - provide (for).

Honest things – NT:2570 καλός **kalos** (kal-os'); of uncertain affinity; properly, beautiful, but chiefly (figuratively) good (literally or morally), i.e. valuable or virtuous (for appearance or use, and thus distinguished from NT:18, which is properly intrinsic): **KJV** - ^xbetter, fair, good (-ly), honest, meet, well, worthy.

Sight – NT:1799 ἐνώπιον **enopion** (en-o'-pee-on); neuter of a compound of NT:1722 and a derivative of NT:3700; in the face of (literally or figuratively):

KJV - before, in the presence (sight) of, to.

2 Corinthians 8 ...among the suspicious

²² And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes [many times] proved diligent in many things, but now **much more diligent**, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

Proved – NT:1381 δοκιμάζω **dokimazo** (dok-im-ad'-zo); from NT:1384; to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve:

KJV - allow, discern, examine, ^xlike, (ap-) prove, try.

Diligent – NT:4705 σπουδαῖος **spoudaios** (spoo-dah'-yos); from NT:4710; prompt, energetic, earnest: **KJV** - diligent.

Confidence – NT:4006 πεποίθησις **pepoithesis** (pep-oy'-thay-sis); from the perfect of the alternate of NT:3958; reliance: **KJV** - confidence, trust.

2 Corinthians 8 ...as ministering delegates

²³ Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

Fellowhelper – NT:4904 συνεργός **sunergos** (soon-er-gos'); from a presumed compound of NT:4862 and the base of NT:2041; a co-laborer, i.e. coadjutor:

KJV - companion in labour, (fellow-) helper (-labourer, -worker), labourer together with, workfellow.

Messengers – NT:652 ἀπόστολος **apostolos** (ap-os'-tol-os); from NT:649; a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ["apostle"] (with miraculous powers): **KJV** - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (cont)

2 Corinthians 8 ...according to your vow

²⁴ Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

Shew – NT:1731 ἐνδείκνυμι **endeiknumi** (en-dike'-noo-mee); from NT:1722 and NT:1166; to indicate (by word or act): **KJV** - do, show (forth).

Proof – NT:1732 ἐνδειξις **endeixis** (en'-dike-sis); from NT:1731; indication (abstractly): **KJV** - declare, evident token, proof.

Love – NT:26 ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:

KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

Boasting – NT:2746 καύχησις **kauchesis** (kow'-khay-sis); from NT:2744; boasting (properly, the act; by implication, the object), in a good or a bad sense:

KJV - boasting, whereof I may glory, glorying, rejoicing.

Ecclesiastes 5

⁴ When thou **vowest** a **vow** unto **God**, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast **vowed**.

Psalm 66

¹³ I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my **vows**,

Psalm 76

¹¹ **Vow**, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

Psalm 116

¹⁸ I will pay my **vows** unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (cont)

2 Corinthians 9

¹ For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

Touching – NT:4012 περί **peri** (per-ee'); from the base of NT:4008; properly, through (all over), i.e. around; figuratively with respect to; used in various applications, of place, cause or time (with the genitive case denoting the subject or occasion or superlative point; with the accusative case the locality, circuit, matter, circumstance or general period):

KJV - (there-) about, above, against, at, on behalf of, ^xand his company, which concern, (as) concerning, for, ^xhow it will go with, ([there-, where-]) of, on, over, pertaining (to), for sake, ^x(e-) state, (as) touching, [where-] by (in), with. In comparative, it retains substantially the same meaning of circuit (around), excess (beyond), or completeness (through).

Ministering – NT:1248 διακονία **diakonia** (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah); from NT:1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):

KJV - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

Saints – NT:40 ἅγιος **hagios** (hag'-ee-os); from **hagos** (an awful thing) [compare NT:53, NT:2282]; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): **KJV** - (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

Superfluous – NT:4053 περισσός **perissos** (per-is-sos'); from NT:4012 (in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication, excessive; adverbially (with NT:1537) violently; neuter (as noun) preeminence: **KJV** - exceeding abundantly above, more abundantly, advantage, exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, vehement [-ly].

2 Corinthians 9

² For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

Forwardness of mind – NT:4288 προθυμία **prothumia** (proth-oo-mee'-ah); from NT:4289; predisposition, i.e. alacrity [eagerness, readiness, quickness, enthusiasm]:

KJV - forwardness of mind, readiness (of mind), ready (willing) mind.

...from – NT:4289 πρόθυμος **prothumos** (proth'-oo-mos); from NT:4253 and NT:2372; forward in spirit, i.e. predisposed; neuter (as noun) alacrity:

KJV - ready, willing.

2 Corinthians 7

⁷ And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us **your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me**; so that I rejoiced the more.

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (cont)

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Boast – NT:2744 **καυχάομαι kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ahee); from some (obsolete) base akin to that of **aucheo** (to boast) and NT:2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

Zeal – NT:2205 **ζήλος zelos** (dzay'-los); from NT:2204; properly, heat, i.e. (figuratively) "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, jealousy, as of a husband [figuratively, of God], or an enemy, malice):

KJV - emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.

Provoked – NT:2042 **ἐρεθίζω erethizo** (er-eth-id'-zo); from a presumed prolonged form of NT:2054; to stimulate (especially to anger): **KJV** - provoke.

2 Corinthians 9 ...keep one another accountable

³ **Yet** have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

Brethren – NT:2745 **καύχημα kauchema** (kow'-khay-mah); from NT:2744; a boast (properly, the object; by implication, the act) in a good or a bad sense:

KJV - boasting, (whereof) to glory (of), glorying, rejoice (-ing).

Ready – NT:3903 **παρασκευάζω paraskeuazo** (par-ask-yoo-ad'-zo); from NT:3844 and a derivative of NT:4632; to furnish aside, i.e. get ready:

KJV - prepareself, be (make) ready.

2 Corinthians 9 ...live up to the standards expected of you!

⁴ Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

Unprepared – NT:532 **ἀπαρασκευάστος aparaskeuastos** (ap-ar-ask-yoo'-as-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of NT:3903; unready:

KJV - unprepared.

Ashamed – NT:2617 **καταίσχύνω kataischuno** (kat-ahee-skhoo'-no); from NT:2596 and NT:153; to shame down, i.e. disgrace or (by implication) put to the blush:

KJV - confound, dishonour, (be a-, make a-) shame (-d).

Confident – NT:5287 **ὑπόστασις hupostasis** (hoop-os'-tas-is); from a compound of NT:5259 and NT:2476; a setting under (support), i.e. (figuratively) concretely, essence, or abstractly, assurance (objectively or subjectively):

KJV - confidence, confident, person, substance.

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (cont)

1 Corinthians 16 ...perform for the ministry

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

² Upon the **first day of the week** let every one of you **lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him**, that there be **no gatherings** when I come.

³ And when I come, whomsoever ye shall **approve** by your letters, them will I send to **bring your liberality unto Jerusalem**.

⁴ And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

Matthew 6 ...perform to bring glory to God

¹ Take heed that ye **do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father** which is in heaven.

² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, **do not sound a trumpet** before thee, as the **hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets**, that they may have **glory of men**. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward**.

³ But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

⁴ That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Luke 11

⁴⁰ Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

⁴¹ But rather **give alms of such things as ye have**; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

⁴² But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye **tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone**.

Acts 9 ...the testimony of giving

³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was **full of good works and almsdeeds** which she did.

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ACCOUNTABLE GIVING (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 9

⁵ Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your **bounty**, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be [exist] ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

Necessary – NT:316 ἀναγκαῖος **anagkaios** (an-ang-kah'-yos); from NT:318; necessary; by implication, close (of kin): **KJV** - near, necessary, necessity, needful.

Exhort – NT:3870 παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from NT:3844 and NT:2564; to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): **KJV** - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Go before – NT:4281 προέρχομαι **proerchomai** (pro-er'-khom-ahee); from NT:4253 and NT:2064 (including its alternate); to go onward, precede (in place or time): **KJV** - go before (farther, forward), outgo, pass on.

Beforehand – NT:4294 προκαταρτίζω **prokatartizo** (prok-at-ar-tid'-zo); from NT:4253 and NT:2675; to prepare in advance: **KJV** - make up beforehand.

Bounty – NT:2129 εὐλογία **eulogia** (yoo-log-ee'-ah); from the same as NT:2127; fine speaking, i.e. elegance of language; commendation ("eulogy"), i.e. (reverentially) adoration; religiously, benediction; by implication, consecration; by extension benefit or largess: **KJV** - blessing (a matter of) bounty (X -tifully), fair speech.

Notice before – NT:4279 προεπαγγέλλομαι **proepaggellomai** (pro-ep-ang-ghel'-lom-ahee); middle voice from NT:4253 and NT:1861; to promise of old: **KJV** - promise before.

Ready – NT:2092 ἔτοιμος **hetoimos** (het-oy'-mos); from an old noun heteos (fitness); adjusted, i.e. ready: **KJV** - prepared, (made) ready (-iness, to our hand).

Titus 3

¹ Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to **be ready** to every good work,

Bounty – NT:2129 εὐλογία **eulogia** (yoo-log-ee'-ah); from the same as NT:2127; fine speaking, i.e. elegance of language; commendation ("eulogy"), i.e. (reverentially) adoration; religiously, benediction; by implication, consecration; by extension benefit or largess: **KJV** - blessing (a matter of) bounty (X -tifully), fair speech.

Covetousness – NT:4124 πλεονεξία **pleonexia** (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); from NT:4123; avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion: **KJV** - covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.

Galatians 6

⁹ And **let us not be weary in well doing**: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, **let us do good unto all men, especially** unto them who are of **the household of faith**.

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LIMITLESS GIVING

2 Corinthians 9

⁶ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Soweth – NT:4687 σπείρω **speiro** (spi'-ro); probably strengthened from NT:4685 (through the idea of extending); to scatter, i.e. sow (literally or figuratively):

KJV - sow (-er), receive seed.

Sparingly – NT:5340 φειδομένως **phaidomenos** (fi-dom-en'-oce); adverb from participle of NT:5339; abstemiously, i.e. stingily: **KJV** - sparingly.

Reap – NT:2325 θερίζω **therizo** (ther-id'-zo); from NT:2330 (in the sense of the crop); to harvest: **KJV** - reap.

Bountifully – NT:2129 εὐλογία **eulogia** (yoo-log-ee'-ah); from the same as NT:2127; fine speaking, i.e. elegance of language; commendation ("eulogy"), i.e.

(reverentially) adoration; religiously, benediction; by implication, consecration; by extension benefit or largess:

KJV - blessing (a matter of) bounty (X -tifully), fair speech.

Malachi 3

⁸ **Will a man rob God?** Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

⁹ Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

¹⁰ **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be **meat in mine house**, and **prove me now herewith**, saith the LORD of hosts, **if I will not open you the windows of heaven**, and **pour you out a blessing**, that **there shall not be room enough to receive it**.

Psalm 13

⁶ I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt **bountifully** with me.

Proverbs 22

⁸ He that **soweth iniquity shall reap vanity**: and the **rod of his anger shall fail**.

⁹ He that hath a **bountiful eye shall be blessed**; for he **giveth of his bread to the poor**.

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LIMITLESS GIVING (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 9

⁷ Every man according as he **purposeth in his heart**, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: **God loveth a cheerful giver**.

According as – NT:2531 καθώς **kathos** (kath-ocē'); from NT:2596 and NT:5613; just (or inasmuch) as, that: **KJV** - according to, (according, even) as, how, when.

Purposeth – NT:4255 προαιρέομαι **proaireomai** (pro-ahee-reh'-om-ahee); from NT:4253 and NT:138; to choose for oneself before another thing (prefer), i.e. (by implication) to propose (intend): **KJV** - purpose.

Heart – NT:2588 καρδία **kardia** (kar-dee'-ah); prolonged from a primary kar (Latin, cor, "heart"); the heart, i.e. (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle: **KJV** - (+broken-) heart (-ed).

Grudgingly – NT:3077 λύπη **lupe** (loo'-pay); apparently a primary word; sadness: **KJV** - grief, grievous, + grudgingly, heaviness, sorrow.

Necessity – NT:318 ἀνάγκη **anagke** (an-ang-kay'); from NT:303 and the base of NT:43; constraint (literally or figuratively); by implication, distress: **KJV** - distress, must needs, (of) necessity (-sary), needeth, needful.

Cheerful – NT:2431 ἠλαρός **hilaros** (hil-ar-os'); from the same as NT:2436; propitious or merry ("hilarious"), i.e. prompt or willing: **KJV** - cheerful.

Giver – NT:1395 δότης **dotes** (dot'-ace); from the base of NT:1325; a giver: **KJV** - giver.

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⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Able – NT:1414 δυνατέω **dunateo** (doo-nat-eh'-o); from NT:1415; to be efficient (figuratively): **KJV** - be mighty.

Abound – NT:4052 περισσεύω **perisseuo** (per-is-syoo'-o); from NT:4053; to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel:

KJV - (make, more) abound, (have, have more) abundance (be more) abundant, be the better, enough and to spare, exceed, excel, increase, be left, redound, remain (over and above).

Sufficiency – NT:841 αὐτάρκεια **autarkeia** (ow-tar'-ki-ah); from NT:842; self-satisfaction, i.e. (abstractly) contentedness, or (concretely) a competence: **KJV** - contentment, sufficiency.

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LIMITLESS GIVING (*cont*)

Isaiah 32

⁴The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

⁵The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

Churl – OT:3596 כִּיֹּלֵי **kiylay** (kee-lah'-ee); or **kelay** (kay-lah'-ee); from OT:3557 in the sense of withholding; niggardly: **KJV** - churl.

Bountiful – OT:7771 שׁוֹאֵה **showa`** (sho'-ah); from OT:7768 in the original sense of freedom; a noble, i.e. liberal, opulent; also (as noun in the derived sense) a halloo: **KJV** - bountiful, crying, rich.

⁶For the vile person will **speak villany**, and his heart will **work iniquity**, to **practise hypocrisy**, and to **utter error** against the LORD, to **make empty** the soul of the hungry, and he will **cause the drink** of the thirsty to fail.

⁷The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.

⁸But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

⁹Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

¹⁰Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

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LIMITLESS GIVING (*cont*)

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⁹ (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

Dispersed abroad – NT:4650 σκορπίζω **skorpizo** (skor-pid'-zo); apparently from the same as NT:4651 (through the idea of penetrating); to dissipate, i.e. (figuratively) put to flight, waste, be liberal: **KJV** - disperse abroad, scatter (abroad).

Righteousness – NT:1343 δικαιοσύνη **dikaioisune** (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification:

KJV - righteousness.

Remaineth – NT:3306 μένω **meno** (men'-o); a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):

KJV - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), ^x thine own.

Mark 12

⁴¹ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and **beheld how the people cast money** into the treasury: and **many that were rich cast in much**.

⁴² And there came a **certain poor widow**, and she **threw in two mites**, which make a farthing.

⁴³ And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this **poor widow hath cast more in, than all they** which have **cast into the treasury**:

⁴⁴ For all they did **cast in of their abundance**; but **she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living**.

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¹⁰ Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;

Ministereth – NT:2023 ἐπιχορηγέω **epichoregeo** (ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:5524; to furnish besides, i.e. fully supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute: **KJV** - add, minister (nourishment, unto).

Seed – NT:4702 σπόριμος **sporimos** (spor'-ee-mos); from NT:4703; sown, i.e. (neuter plural) a planted field: **KJV** - corn (-field).

Sower – NT:4687 σπείρω **speiro** (spi'-ro); probably strengthened from NT:4685 (through the idea of extending); to scatter, i.e. sow (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - sow (-er), receive seed.

Minister – NT:5524 χορηγέω **choregeo** (khor-ayg-eh'-o); from a compound of NT:5525 and NT:71; to be a dance-leader, i.e. (generally) to furnish:

KJV - give, minister.

Bread – NT:740 ἄρτος **artos** (ar'-tos); from NT:142; bread (as raised) or a loaf:

KJV - (shew-) bread, loaf.

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LIMITLESS GIVING (cont)

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Food – NT:1035 βρωσις **brosis** (bro'-sis); from the base of NT:977; (abstractly) eating (literally or figuratively); by extension (concretely) food (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - eating, food, meat.

Fruits – NT:1081 γέννημα **genema or gennema** (ghen'-nay-mah); from NT:1080; offspring; by analogy, produce (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - fruit, generation.

Righteousness – NT:1343 δικαιοσύνη **dikaioisune** (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: **KJV** - righteousness.

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¹¹ Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Enriched – NT:4148 πλουτίζω **ploutizo** (ploo-tid'-zo); from NT:4149; to make wealthy (figuratively): **KJV** - en- (make) rich.

Bountifulness – NT:572 ἀπλότης **haplotes** (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):

KJV - bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness.

Singleness – NT:572 ἀπλότης **haplotes** (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):

KJV - bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness.

Causeth – NT:2716 κατεργάζομαι **katergazomai** (kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee); from NT:2596 and NT:2038; do work fully, i.e. accomplish; by implication, to finish, fashion: **KJV** - cause, to (deed), perform, work (out).

Thanksgiving – NT:2169 εὐχαριστία **eucharistia** (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah); from NT:2170; gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship):

KJV - thankfulness, (giving of) thanks (-giving).

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LIMITLESS GIVING (*cont*)

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¹² For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

Administration – NT:1248 διακονία **diakonia** (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah); from NT:1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):

KJV - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

Service – NT:3009 λειτουργία **leitourgia** (li-toorg-ee'-ah); from NT:3008; public function (as priest ["liturgy"] or almsgiver): **KJV** - ministration (-try), service.

Supplieth – NT:4322 προσαναπληρώω **prosanapleroo** (pros-an-ap-lay-ro'-o); from NT:4314 and NT:378; to fill up further, i.e. furnish fully: **KJV** - supply.

Thanksgivings – NT:2169 εὐχαριστία **eucharistia** (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah); from NT:2170; gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship):

KJV - thankfulness, (giving of) thanks (-giving).

Psalm 13

⁶ I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt **bountifully** with me.

2 Corinthians 9

¹³ Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

Experiment – NT:1382 δοκιμή **dokime** (dok-ee-may'); from the same as NT:1384; test (abstractly or concretely); by implication, trustiness:

KJV - experience (-riment), proof, trial.

Ministration – NT:1248 διακονία **diakonia** (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah); from NT:1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):

KJV - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

Glorify – NT:1392 δοξάζω **doxazo** (dox-ad'-zo); from NT:1391; to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application):

KJV - (make) glorify (-ious), full of (have) glory, honour, magnify.

Professed – NT:3671 ὁμολογία **homologia** (hom-ol-og-ee'-ah); from the same as NT:3670; acknowledgment: **KJV** - con- (pro-) fession, professed.

Subjection – NT:5292 ὑποταγή **hupotage** (hoop-ot-ag-ay'); from NT:5293; subordination: **KJV** - subjection.

Liberal – NT:572 ἀπλότης **haplotes** (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):

KJV - bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness.

Distribution – NT:2842 κοινωνία **koinonia** (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from NT:2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:

KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

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LIMITLESS GIVING (*cont*)

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¹⁴ And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

Prayer – NT:1162 δέησις **deesis** (deh'-ay-sis); from NT:1189; a petition:

KJV - prayer, request, supplication.

Long after – NT:1971 ἐπιποθέω **epipotheo** (ep-ee-poth-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and potheo (to yearn); to dote upon, i.e. intensely crave possession (lawfully or wrongfully): **KJV** - (earnestly) desire (greatly), (greatly) long (after), lust.

Psalm 50

¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

Ephesians 5

²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

2 Corinthians 9

¹⁵ Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Unspeakable – NT:411 ἀνεκδιήγητος **anekdiegetos** (an-ek-dee-ay'-gay-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of NT:1555; not expounded in full, i.e. indescribable: **KJV** - unspeakable.

It is a Church matter...

...and it matters more that we please God...

We who lay up our treasures in heaven think as do all the saints, like minded...

Thus His abundance in our lives is our opportunity to offer up thanks unto God for His Great Gift...

...so in Thanks-Giving we show that Church Matters More...

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Meekness and Gentleness

2 Corinthians 10

¹ Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in **presence am base** among you, but being **absent am bold** toward you:

Meekness – NT:4240 προύτης **prautes** (prah-oo'-tace); from NT:4239; mildness, i.e. (by implication) humility: **KJV** - meekness.

Gentleness – NT:1932 ἐπιείκεια **epieikeia** (ep-ee-i'-ki-ah); from NT:1933; suitableness, i.e. (by implication) equity, mildness: **KJV** - clemency, gentleness.

Presence – NT:4383 πρόσωπον **prosopon** (pros'-o-pon); from NT:4314 and ops (the visage, from NT:3700); the front (as being towards view), i.e. the countenance, aspect, appearance, surface; by implication, presence, person: **KJV** - (outward) appearance, ^xbefore, countenance, face, fashion, (men's) person, presence.

Galatians 5

²³ **Meekness**, temperance [self-control, restraint]: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 4

¹ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

² With all **lowliness** and **meekness**, with **longsuffering, forbearing one another in love**;

³ **Endeavouring to keep the unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Titus 3

² To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all **meekness** unto all men.

Philippians 2

¹² Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have **always obeyed, not as in my presence only**, but now **much more in my absence, work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

Base – NT:5011 ταπεινός **tapeinos** (tap-i-nos'); of uncertain derivation; depressed, i.e. (figuratively) humiliated (in circumstances or disposition):

KJV - base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), lowly.

Absent – NT:548 ἄπειμι **apeimi** (ap'-i-mee); from NT:575 and NT:1510; to be away: **KJV** - be absent. Compare NT:549.

Bold – NT:2292 θαρρέω **tharrheo** (thar-hreh'-o); another form for NT:2293; to exercise courage: **KJV** - be bold, ^xboldly, have confidence, be confident.

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Not Without Confidence in Christ to be Bold

2 Corinthians 10

² But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am **present with that confidence**, wherewith I think to be **bold against some**, which **think of us as if we walked according to the flesh**.

Present – NT:3918 παρειμι **pareimi** (par'-i-mee); from NT:3844 and NT:1510 (including its various forms); to be near, i.e. at hand; neuter present participle (singular) time being, or (plural) property:

KJV - come, ^xhave, be here, ⁺lack, (be here) present.

Confidence – NT:4006 πεποίθησις **pepoithesis** (pep-oy'-thay-sis); from the perfect of the alternate of NT:3958; reliance: **KJV** - confidence, trust.

2 Corinthians 7

¹⁶ I rejoice therefore that I have **confidence** in you in all things.

Galatians 5

¹⁰ I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

2 Thessalonians 3:4

And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

Philemon 1:21

Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

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Wordly, not Worldly, Warfare

2 Corinthians 10

³ For though we **walk in the flesh**, we **do not war after the flesh**:

Walk – NT:4043 περιπατέω **peripateo** (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from NT:4012 and NT:3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary):

KJV - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

War – NT:4754 στρατεύομαι **strateuomai** (strat-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice from the base of NT:4756; to serve in a military campaign; figuratively, to execute the apostolate (with its arduous duties and functions), to contend with carnal inclinations: **KJV** - soldier, (go to) war (-fare).

Flesh – NT:4561 σάρξ **sarx** (sarx); probably from the base of NT:4563; flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the meat of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the body (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) human nature (with its frailties [physically or morally] and passions), or (specifically) a human being (as such):

KJV - carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

Romans 8 ...law fulfilled walking after the Spirit

⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be **fulfilled in us**, who walk not after [in the manner of] the **flesh**, **but after** [in the manner of] the **Spirit**.

Ephesians 6 ...

¹² For we **wrestle not against [toward] flesh and blood**, but against [toward] principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness [obscure] of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wrestle – NT:3823 πάλη **pale** (pal'-ay); from pallo (to vibrate; another form for NT:906); wrestling: **KJV** - + wrestle.

Principalities – NT:746 αρχή **arche** (ar-khay'); from NT:756; (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank):

KJV - beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

Powers – NT:1849 ἐξουσία **exousia** (ex-oo-see'-ah); from NT:1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:

KJV - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

Rulers – NT:2888 κοσμοκράτωρ **kosmokrator** (kos-mok-fat'-ore); from NT:2889 and NT:2902; a world-ruler, an epithet of Satan: **KJV** - ruler.

Wickedness – NT:4189 πονηρία **poneria** (pon-ay-ree'-ah); from NT:4190; depravity, i.e. (specifically) malice; plural (concretely) plots, sins:

KJV - iniquity, wickedness.

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Wordly, not Worldly, Warfare (cont)

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³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

Ephesians 6 (cont)

¹² For we **wrestle not against [toward] flesh and blood**, but against [toward] principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness [obscure] of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

High – NT:2032 ἐπουράνιος **epouranios** (ep-oo-ran'-ee-os); from NT:1909 and NT:3772; above the sky: **KJV** - celestial, (in) heaven (-ly), high.

Romans 7

²² For I **delight in the law** of God after the **inward man**:

²³ But I see another **law in my members, warring against the law of my mind**, and bringing me into **captivity to the law of sin** which is in my members.

²⁴ **O wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the **body of this death?**

Weapons of Warfare are Spiritual

2 Corinthians 10

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;))

Weapons – NT:3696 ὄπλον **hoplon** (hop'-lon); probably from a primary hepo (to be busy about); an implement or utensil or tool (literally or figuratively, especially offensive for war): **KJV** - armour, instrument, weapon.

Warfare – NT:4752 στρατεία **strateia** (strat-i'-ah); from NT:4754; military service, i.e. (figuratively) the apostolic career (as one of hardship and danger): **KJV** - warfare.

Carnal – NT:4559 σαρκικός **sarkikos** (sar-kee-kos'); from NT:4561; pertaining to flesh, i.e. (by extension) bodily, temporal, or (by implication) animal, unregenerate: **KJV** - carnal, fleshly.

Mighty – NT:1415 δυνατός **dunatos** (doo-nat-os'); from NT:1410; powerful or capable (literally or figuratively); neuter possible:

KJV - able, could, (that is) mighty (man), possible, power, strong.

God – NT:2316 θεός **theos** (thēh'-os); of uncertain affinity; a deity, especially (with NT:3588) the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very: **KJV** - ^xexceeding, God, god [-ly, -ward].

Pulling down – NT:2506 καθάρσις **kathairesis** (kath-ah'-ee-res-is); from NT:2507; demolition; figuratively, extinction: **KJV** - destruction, pulling down.

Strong holds – NT:3794 ὀχύρωμα **ochuroma** (okh-oo'-ro-mah); from a remote derivative of NT:2192 (meaning to fortify, through the idea of holding safely); a castle (figuratively, argument): **KJV** - stronghold.

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Weapons of Warfare are Spiritual (cont)

2 Corinthians 10

⁴ (For the **weapons** of our **warfare** are not **carnal**, but **mighty** through **God** to the **pulling down of strong holds**;))

Our Stronghold

Nahum 1

⁷ The **LORD** is good, a **strong hold** in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

Psalm 29

⁴ The voice of the **LORD** is **powerful**; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Word of God

Hebrews 4

¹² For the **Word of God** is quick, and **powerful**, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**.

1 Corinthians 10 ...meat

³ And did all eat the same **spiritual** meat;

Romans 7 ...law

¹⁴ For we know that the law is **spiritual**: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

1 Corinthians 2 ...discernment

¹⁴ But the **natural man receiveth not** the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

1 Corinthians 14 ...gifts unto edifying

¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of **spiritual** gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

John 3 ...that which is Spirit is spiritual.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**.

1 Corinthians 2 ...wisdom

¹³ Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing **spiritual** things with **spiritual**.

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁸ **Wisdom is better than weapons of war**: but **one sinner destroyeth much good**.

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Weapons of Warfare are Spiritual (cont)

2 Corinthians 10 (cont)

⁴ (For the **weapons** of our **warfare** are not **carnal**, but **mighty** through **God** to the **pulling down** of **strong holds**;))

Meekness

Galatians 6

¹ Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are **spiritual**, restore such an one in the **Spirit of meekness**; **considering thyself**, lest thou also be tempted.

Goodness

1 Timothy 1

¹⁷ Now unto the King eternal, immortal, **invisible**, the only **wise God**, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸ This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest **war a good warfare**;

¹⁹ **Holding faith**, and a **good conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Ezekiel 32 ...Wicked Warfare doesn't fare well against God

²⁷ And they shall not lie with the **mighty that are fallen** of the uncircumcised, which are **gone down to hell** with their **weapons of war**: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

Romans 8 ...Wicked minds are hate God

⁷ Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be.

Walk Worthy in the Spirit

1 Corinthians 3

³ For **ye are yet carnal**: for whereas there is among you **envying**, and **strife**, and **divisions**, are ye not **carnal**, and **walk as men** [according to the flesh]?

Romans 8 ...from death to life and peace

⁶ For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**.

John 6

⁶³ It is the **spirit that quickeneth**; the **flesh profiteth nothing**: the **words** that I speak unto you, **they are spirit**, and **they are life**.

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2 Corinthians 10

Captivating Knowledge

2 Corinthians 10 ...toward exalting self and obedience to God

⁵ **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Casting down – NT:2507 καθαίρω **kathaireo** (kath-ahee-reh'-o); from NT:2596 and NT:138 (including its alternate); to lower (or with violence) demolish (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - cast (pull, put, take) down, destroy.

Psalm 36

¹² There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are **cast down**, and shall not be able to rise.

Imaginations – NT:3052 λόγιος **logios** (log'-ee-os); from NT:3056; fluent, i.e. an orator: **KJV** - eloquent.

Genesis 6 ...evil continually

⁵ And **God saw that the wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that every **imagination of the thoughts** of his heart was **only evil continually**.

Romans 1 ...vanity of a foolish heart

²¹ Because that, when they **knew God, they glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful; but **became vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.

Psalm 2 ...vain imagination

¹ Why do the heathen rage, and **the people imagine a vain thing?**

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

³ Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Deuteronomy 31 ...imagination

²¹ And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: **for I know their imagination** which they go about, **even now, before** I have brought them into the land which I swear.

1 Chronicles 28 ...no exemption

⁹ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for **the LORD searcheth all hearts**, and **understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts**: if thou **seek him**, he will be **found of thee**; but if thou **forsake him**, he will **cast thee off for ever**.

Proverbs 6 ...Six Abominations

¹⁶ These **six things doth the LORD hate**: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

¹⁷ **A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,**

¹⁸ **An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,**

¹⁹ **A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

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Captivating Knowledge (cont)

2 Corinthians 10 ...toward exalting self and obedience to God

⁵ **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that **exalteth** itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity** every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Lamentations 3

⁵⁹ O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.

⁶⁰ Thou hast seen all **their vengeance** and all **their imaginations against me**.

⁶¹ Thou hast **heard their reproach**, O LORD, and all **their imaginations against me**;

Psalm 73

¹⁸ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

Psalm 147

⁶ The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

High thing – NT:5313 ὕψωμα **hupsoma** (hoop'-so-mah); from NT:5312; an elevated place or thing, i.e. (abstractly) altitude, or (by implication) a barrier (figuratively): **KJV** - height, high thing.

Exalteth – NT:1869 ἐπαίρω **epairo** (ep-ahee'-ro); from NT:1909 and NT:142; to raise up (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - exaltself, poise (lift, take) up.

Knowledge – NT:1108 γνῶσις **gnosis** (gno'-sis); from NT:1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge: **KJV** - knowledge, science.

Bringing into captivity – NT:163 ἀιχμαλωτίζω **aichmalotizo** (aheekh-mal-o-tid'-zo); from NT:164; to make captive: **KJV** - lead away captive, bring into captivity.

Thought – NT:3540 νόημα **noema** (no'-ay-mah); from NT:3539; a perception, i.e. purpose, or (by implication) the intellect, disposition, itself: **KJV** - device, mind, thought.

Obedience – NT:5218 ὑπακοή **hupakoe** (hoop-ak-o-ay'); from NT:5219; attentive hearkening, i.e. (by implication) compliance or submission: **KJV** - obedience, (make) obedient, obey (-ing).

Daniel 11 ...predetermined

³⁶ And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall **spea**k marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: **for that that is determined shall be done.**

Acts 4

²⁷ For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

²⁸ For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel **determined before to be done.**

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Attentiveness

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⁶ And having in a **readiness to revenge all disobedience**, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Readiness – NT:2092 ἔτοιμος **hetoimos** (het-oy'-mos); from an old noun heteos (fitness); adjusted, i.e. ready: **KJV** - prepared, (made) ready (-iness, to our hand).

Revenge – NT:1556 ἐκδικέω **ekdikeo** (ek-dik-eh'-o); from NT:1558; to vindicate, retaliate, punish: **KJV** - a (re-) venge.

Disobedience – NT:3876 παρακοή **parakoe** (par-ak-o-ay'); from NT:3878; inattention, i.e. (by implication) disobedience: **KJV** - disobedience.

Obedience – NT:5218 ὑπακοή **hupakoe** (hoop-ak-o-ay'); from NT:5219; attentive hearkening, i.e. (by implication) compliance or submission:

KJV - obedience, (make) obedient, obey (-ing).

Fulfilled – NT:4137 πληρόω **pleroo** (play-ro'-o); from NT:4134; to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:

KJV - accomplish, ^xafter, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

Nahum 1

² God is jealous, and the LORD **revenge**; the LORD **revenge**, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

Romans 1

⁵ By whom we have received grace and apostleship, **for obedience to the faith** among all nations, for his name:

Romans 12

¹⁹ Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves**, but rather **give place unto wrath**: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay**, saith the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 1

⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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Appearance

2 Corinthians 10

⁷ Do ye look on things after the **outward appearance**? if **any man trust to himself** that he is Christ's, let him of himself **think this again**, that, as **he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's**.

Outward appearance – NT:4383 πρόσωπον **prosopon** (pros'-o-pon); from NT:4314 and ops (the visage, from NT:3700); the front (as being towards view), i.e. the countenance, aspect, appearance, surface; by implication, presence, person: **KJV** - (outward) appearance, ^xbefore, countenance, face, fashion, (men's) person, presence.

1 Samuel 16

⁷ But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the **outward appearance**, but the **LORD looketh on the heart**.

John 7

²⁴ **Judge not according to the appearance**, but judge **righteous judgment**.

1 Thessalonians 5

²² Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Philippians 2

¹⁵ That ye may be **blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, **without rebuke**, in the midst of a **crooked and perverse nation**, among whom ye **shine as lights in the world**;

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Edification

2 Corinthians 10

⁸ For though I should **boast somewhat more of our authority**, which the Lord hath **given us for edification**, and **not for your destruction**, I should **not be ashamed**:

Boast – NT:2744 καυχάομαι **kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ahee); from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and NT:2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

Authority – NT:1849 ἐξουσία **exousia** (ex-oo-see'-ah); from NT:1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:

KJV - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

Edification – NT:3619 οἰκοδομή **oikodome** (oy-kod-om-ay'); feminine (abstract) of a compound of NT:3624 and the base of NT:1430; architecture, i.e. (concretely) a structure; figuratively, confirmation: **KJV** - building, edify (-ication, -ing).

Destruction – NT:2506 καθάρσις **kathairesis** (kath-ah'-ee-res-is); from NT:2507; demolition; figuratively, extinction: **KJV** - destruction, pulling down.

Ashamed – NT:153 αἰσχύνομαι **aischunomai** (ahee-skhoo'-nom-ahee); from **aischos** (disfigurement, i.e. disgrace); to feel shame (for oneself): **KJV** - be ashamed.

2 Corinthians 13 ...repeated

¹⁰ Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath **given me to edification**, and **not to destruction**.

1 Corinthians 14

³ But **he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification**, and **exhortation**, and **comfort**.

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Sticks and Stones

2 Corinthians 10 ...words that terrify

⁹ That I may not seem as if I would **terrify you by letters**.

Terrify – NT:1629 ἐκφοβέω **ekphobeo** (ek-fob-eh'-o); from NT:1537 and NT:5399; to frighten utterly: **KJV** - terrify.

2 Corinthians 10

¹⁰ For his letters, say they, are **weighty and powerful**; but his **bodily presence is weak**, and his **speech contemptible**.

Weighty – NT:926 βαρύς **barus** (bar-ooce'); from the same as NT:922; weighty, i.e. (fig) burdensome, grave: **KJV** - greivous, heavy, weightier.

Powerful – NT:2478 ἰσχυρός **ischuros** (is-khoo-ros'); from NT:2479; forcible (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - boisterous, mighty (-ier), powerful, strong (-er, man), valiant.

Bodily – NT:4983 σῶμα **soma** (so'-mah); from NT:4982; the body (as a sound whole), used in a very wide application, literally or figuratively: **KJV** - bodily, body, slave.

Presence – NT:3952 παρουσία **parousia** (par-oo-see'-ah); from the present participle of NT:3918; a being near, i.e. advent (often, return; specifically, of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physically, aspect:

KJV - coming, presence.

Contemptible – NT:1848 ἐξουθενέω **exoutheneo** (ex-oo-then-eh'-o); a variation of NT:1847 and meaning the same:

KJV - contemptible, despise, least esteemed, set at nought.

...from – NT:1847 ἐξουθενώ **exoudenoo** (ex-oo-den-o'-o); from NT:1537 and a derivative of the neuter of NT:3762; to make utterly nothing of, i.e. despise: **KJV** - set at nought. See also NT:1848.

2 Corinthians 11

⁶ But though I be **rude in speech, yet not in knowledge**; but we have been throughly **made manifest among you in all things**.

Rude – NT:2399 ἰδιώτης **idiotes** (id-ee-o'-tace); from NT:2398; a private person, i.e. (by implication) an ignoramus (compare "idiot"):

KJV - ignorant, rude, unlearned.

...from – NT:2398 ἴδιος **idios** (id'-ee-os); of uncertain affinity; pertaining to self, i.e. one's own; by implication, private or separate:

KJV - ^xhis acquaintance, when they were alone, apart, aside, due, his (own, proper, several), home, (her, our, thine, your) own (business), private (-ly), proper, severally, their (own).

John 3

² But **he that doeth truth** cometh to the light, that his **deeds may be made manifest**, that they are **wrought in God**.

2 Corinthians 2

¹⁴ Now thanks be unto God, which always **causeth us to triumph in Christ**, and maketh **manifest the savour of His knowledge** by us in every place.

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Wordly not Wordy

2 Corinthians 10 ...As you speak or write, so do

¹¹ **Let such an one think this**, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

Deed – NT:2041 ἔργον **ergon** (er'-gon); from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act:

KJV - deed, doing, labour, work.

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Wise Commendation

2 Corinthians 10 ...not commending ourselves

¹² For we **dare not make ourselves of the number**, or **compare ourselves** with some that **commend themselves**: but they **measuring themselves by themselves**, and **comparing themselves among themselves**, are **not wise**.

Dare – NT:5111 τολμάω **tolmao** (tol-mah'-o); from tolma (boldness; probably itself from the base of NT:5056 through the idea of extreme conduct); to venture (objectively or in act; while NT:2292 is rather subjective or in feeling); by implication, to be courageous: **KJV** - be bold, boldly, dare, durst.

Make ourselves of the number – NT:1469 ἐγκρίνω **egkrino** (eng-kree'-no); from NT:1722 and NT:2919; to judge in, i.e. count among: **KJV** - make of the number.

Compare – NT:4793 συγκρίνω **sugkrino** (soong-kree'-no); from NT:4862 and NT:2919; to judge of one thing in connection with another, i.e. combine (spiritual ideas with appropriate expressions) or collate (one person with another by way of contrast or resemblance): **KJV** - compare among (with).

Commend – NT:4921 συνιστάω **sunistao** (soon-is-tah'-o); or (strengthened) sunistano (soon-is-tan'- o); or **sunistemi** (soon-is'-tay-mee); from NT:4862 and NT:2476 (including its collat. forms); to set together, i.e. (by implication) to introduce (favorably), or (figuratively) to exhibit; intransitively, to stand near, or (figuratively) to constitute: **KJV** - approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with).

Measuring – NT:3354 μετρέω **metreo** (met-reh'-o); from NT:3358; to measure (i.e. ascertain in size by a fixed standard); by implication to admeasure (i.e. allot by rule): **KJV** - figuratively, to estimate: **KJV** - measure, mete.

Wise – NT:4920 συνίημι **suniem** (soon-ee'-ay-mee); from NT:4862 and hiemi (to send); to put together, i.e. (mentally) to comprehend; by implication, to act piously: **KJV** - consider, understand, be wise.

Proverbs 12

⁸ A man shall be **commended according to his wisdom**: but he that is of a **perverse heart shall be despised**.

Commended – OT:1984 הלל **halal** (haw-lal'); a primitive root; to be clear (orig. of sound, but usually of color); to shine; hence, to make a show, to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; causatively, to celebrate; also to stultify:

KJV - (make) boast (self), celebrate, commend, (deal, make), fool (-ish, -ly), glory, give [light], be (make, feignself) mad (against), give in marriage, [sing, be worthy of] praise, rage, renowned, shine.

2 Corinthians 3

¹ Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or **need we**, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or **letters of commendation** from you?

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Wise Commendation (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 10 ...not commending ourselves (*cont*)

¹² For we **dare not make ourselves of the number**, or **compare ourselves** with some that **commend themselves**: but they **measuring themselves by themselves**, and **comparing themselves among themselves**, are **not wise**.

2 Corinthians 4

² But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but **by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience** in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 5 ...commend our hearts

¹² For we **commend not ourselves again** unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which **glory in appearance**, and **not in heart**.

2 Corinthians 12

¹¹ I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for **I ought to have been commended of you**: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, **though I be nothing**.

Boasting of the Church

2 Corinthians 10

¹³ But we will not **boast** of things without our **measure**, but according to the measure of the **rule which God hath distributed to us**, a measure to **reach** even unto you.

Boast – NT:2744 καυχάομαι **kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ahee); from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and NT:2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

Measure – NT:3358 μέτρον **metron** (met'-ron); an apparently primary word; a measure ("metre"), literally or figuratively; by implication a limited portion (degree): **KJV** - measure.

Rule – NT:2583 κανών **kanon** (kan-ohn'); from kane (a straight reed, i.e. rod); a rule ("canon"), i.e. (figuratively) a standard (of faith and practice); by implication, a boundary, i.e. (figuratively) a sphere (of activity): **KJV** - line, rule.

Distributed – NT:3307 μερίζω **merizo** (mer-id'-zo); from NT:3313; to part, i.e. (literally) to apportion, bestow, share, or (figuratively) to disunite, differ: **KJV** - deal, be difference between, distribute, divide, give participle

Reach – NT:2185 ἐφικνέομαι **ephikneomai** (ef-ik-neh'-om-ahee); from NT:1909 and a cognate of NT:2240; to arrive upon, i.e. extend to: **KJV** - reach.

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Preaching of the Church

2 Corinthians 10

¹⁴For we **stretch** not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are **come as far as to you** also in **preaching the gospel** of Christ:

Stretch beyond – NT:5239 ὑπερεκτείνω **huperekteino** (hoop-er-ek-ti'-no); from NT:5228 and NT:1614; to extend inordinately [extremely, enormously, extremely] : **KJV** - stretch beyond.

Reached – NT:2185 ἐφικνέομαι **ephikneomai** (ef-ik-neh'-om-ahee); from NT:1909 and a cognate of NT:2240; to arrive upon, i.e. extend to: **KJV** - reach.

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¹⁵ **Not boasting** of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that **we shall be enlarged** by you **according to our rule abundantly**, Without our measure – NT:280 ἄμετρος **ametros** (am'-et-ros); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3358; immoderate: **KJV** - (thing) without measure.

Labours – NT:2873 κόπος **kopos** (kop'-os); from NT:2875; a cut, i.e. (by analogy) toil (as reducing the strength), literally or figuratively; by implication, pains: **KJV** - labour, + trouble, weariness.

Hope – NT:1680 ἐλπίς **elpis** (el-pece'); from a primary **elpo** (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstractly or concretely) or confidence: **KJV** - faith, hope.

Faith – NT:4102 πίστις **pistis** (pis'-tis); from NT:3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: **KJV** - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Increased – NT:837 αὐξάνω **auzano** (owx-an'-o); a prolonged form of a primary verb; to grow ("wax"), i.e. enlarge (literal or figurative, active or passive):

KJV - grow (up), (give the) increase.

The wicked...

Psalm 10

³ For the **wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous**, whom the LORD abhorreth.

Psalm 49

⁶ They that **trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches**;

Psalm 97

⁷ Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that **boast themselves of idols**: worship him, all ye gods.

Proverbs 25

¹⁴ Whoso **boasteth himself of a false gift** is like clouds and wind without rain.

Psalm 94

⁴ How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the **workers of iniquity boast themselves?**

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2 Corinthians 10 (cont)

¹⁵ **Not boasting** of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that **we shall be enlarged** by you **according to our rule abundantly**,

The saints...

Romans 3

²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

²⁷ **Where is boasting** [in what man can do for himself] then? **It is excluded**. By what law? of **works**? **Nay: but by the law of faith**.

²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Ephesians 2

⁸ For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: it is the gift of God:

⁹ **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

¹⁰ For we are **his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** unto **good works**, which God hath before **ordained that we should walk in them [good works]**.

Psalm 34

² **My soul shall make her boast in the LORD**: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Psalm 44

⁸ **In God we boast all the day long**, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

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2 Corinthians 10

¹⁶ To **preach the gospel** in the regions **beyond** you, and not to **boast in another man's line** of things made **ready to our hand**.

Beyond – NT:5238 ὑπερέκεινα **huperekeina** (hoop-er-ek'-i-nah); from NT:5228 and the neuter plural of NT:1565; above those parts, i.e. still farther: **KJV** - beyond.

Preach the gospel – NT:2097 εὐαγγελίζω **euaggelizo** (yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo); from NT:2095 and NT:32; to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel: **KJV** - declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel).

Line – NT:2583 κανὼν **kanon** (kan-ohn'); from kane (a straight reed, i.e. rod); a rule ("canon"), i.e. (figuratively) a standard (of faith and practice); by implication, a boundary, i.e. (figuratively) a sphere (of activity): **KJV** - line, rule.

Romans 15

²⁰ Yea, so have I strived to **preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation**:

Ready to our hand – NT:2092 ἔτοιμος **hetoimos** (het-oy'-mos); from an old noun heteos (fitness); adjusted, i.e. ready: **KJV** - prepared, (made) ready (-iness, to our hand).

Romans 1

¹⁵ So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel** to you that are at Rome also.

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁷ For Christ **sent me not to baptize**, but to **preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words**, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Corinthians 9

¹⁴ Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which **preach the gospel** should **live of the gospel**.

1 Corinthians 9

¹⁶ For though **I preach the gospel**, I have **nothing [of myself] to glory of**: for necessity is **laid upon me**; yea, woe is unto me, if I **preach not the gospel!**

Romans 10

¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they **have not believed?** and how shall they believe in him of whom they **have not heard?** and how shall they hear **without a preacher?**

¹⁵ And how shall **they preach, except they be sent?** as it is written, How **beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel** of peace, and **bring glad tidings of good things!**

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, **who hath believed our report?**

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Glory of the Church

2 Corinthians 10

¹⁷ But he that **glorieth**, let him **glory in the Lord**.

Glorieth – NT:2744 καυχάομαι **kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ahee); from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and NT:2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

Ephesians 1

⁶ To the praise of the **glory of his grace**, wherein **He** hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Romans 5 ...nothing to rejoice about without the Glory of God

² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the **glory of God**.

A Church Approved

2 Corinthians 10

¹⁸ For not he that **commendeth himself is approved**, but whom the **Lord commendeth**.

Commendeth – NT:4921 συνιστάω **sunistao** (soon-is-tah'-o); or (strengthened) sunistano (soon-is-tan'-o); or **sunistemi** (soon-is'-tay-mee); from NT:4862 and NT:2476 (including its collat. forms); to set together, i.e. (by implication) to introduce (favorably), or (figuratively) to exhibit; intransitively, to stand near, or (figuratively) to constitute: **KJV** - approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with).

Approved – NT:1384 δόκιμος **dokimos** (dok'-ee-mos); from NT:1380; properly, acceptable (current after assayal), i.e. approved: **KJV** - approved, tried.

Romans 5

⁸ But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Corinthians 11

¹⁹ For **there must be also heresies** among you, that **they which are approved [of God]** may be made manifest among you.

2 Timothy 2

¹⁵ **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that **needeth not to be ashamed**, rightly dividing the word of truth.

God be glorified by all whom He alone has ordained and anointed, approved and commended for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. ...to all those of us who know the necessity to preach because ***the church matters more than our commendation!***

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Godly Presentation

...Opening Reception (to show that church matters more)

2 Corinthians 11 ...shows up front this is a ploy, albeit, godly...

¹ Would [wish] to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear [put up, go along] with me. [*the way you bear with others*]

Bear – NT:430 ἀνέχομαι **anechomai** (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:303 and NT:2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with:

KJV - bear with, endure, forbear, suffer.

Folly – NT:877 ἀφροσύνη **aphrosune** (af-ros-oo'-nay); from NT:878; senselessness, i.e. (euphem.) egotism; (morally) recklessness: **KJV** - folly, foolishly (-ness).

...jealous presentation

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² For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Jealous – NT:2206 ζηλώω **zeleo** (dzay-lo'-o) or zeleuo (dzay-loo'-o); from NT:2205; to have warmth of feeling for or against:

KJV - affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect).

Exodus 34

¹⁴ For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is **Jealous**, is a **jealous [zealous, envy] God**:

Deuteronomy 4

²⁴ For the LORD thy God is a **consuming fire**, even a **jealous God**.

Jealousy – NT:2205 ζήλος **zelos** (dzay'-los); from NT:2204; properly, heat, i.e. (figuratively) "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, jealousy, as of a husband [figuratively, of God], or an enemy, malice):

KJV - emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.

Isaiah 42

¹³ The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall **stir up jealousy like a man of war**: he shall cry, yea, roar; **he shall prevail against his enemies**.

Chaste – NT:53 ἀγνός **hagnos** (hag-nos'); from the same as NT:40; properly, clean, i.e. (figuratively) innocent, modest, perfect: **KJV** - chaste, clean, pure.

Virgin – T:3933 παρθένος **parthenos** (par-then'-os); of unknown origin; a maiden; by implication, an unmarried daughter: **KJV** - virgin.

Undefined

Cares for the Lord

Colossians 1

²⁸ Whom we preach, **warning every man**, and **teaching every man** in all wisdom; that we may **present every man perfect** in Christ Jesus:

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Ungodly Prevention

...Closing Deception

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³ But [*now*] I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled **Eve** through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Fear – NT:5399 φοβέω **phobeo** (fob-eh'-o); from NT:5401; to frighten, i.e. (passively) to be alarmed; by analogy, to be in awe of, i.e. revere:

KJV - be (+sore) afraid, fear (exceedingly), reverence.

Serpent – NT:3789 ὄφις **ophis** (of-is); probably from NT:3700 (through the idea of sharpness of vision); a snake, figuratively (as a type of sly cunning) an artful malicious person, especially Satan: **KJV** - serpent.

Job 26 Job says...

¹³ By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath **formed the crooked serpent**.

Revelation 12

⁹ And **the great dragon** was cast out, that old **serpent**, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Beguiled – NT:1818 ἐξαπατάω **exapatao** (ex-ap-at-ah'-o); from NT:1537 and NT:538; to seduce wholly: **KJV** - beguile, deceive.

Genesis 3

¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Subtilty – NT:3834 πανουργία **panourgia** (pan-oorg-ee'-ah); from NT:3835; adroitness [ability, skillfulness], i.e. (in a bad sense) trickery or sophistry [lack of imagination]: **KJV** - (cunning) craftiness, subtilty.

Corrupted – NT:5351 φθείρω **phtheiro** (fthi'-ro); probably strengthened from phthio (to pine or waste); properly, to shrivel or wither, i.e. to spoil (by any process) or (generally) to ruin (especially figuratively, by moral influences, to deprave):

KJV - corrupt (self), defile, destroy.

Simplicity – NT:572 ἀπλότης **haplotes** (hap-lot'-ace); from NT:573; singleness, i.e. (subjectively) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (objectively) generosity (copious bestowal):

KJV - bountifulness, liberal (-ity), simplicity, singleness.

Isaiah 14

¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

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...another presentation

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⁴ For if he that cometh preacheth another [different] Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Another – NT:243 ἄλλος **allos** (al'-los); a primary word; "else," i.e. different (in many applications): **KJV** - more, one (another), (an-, some an-) other (-s, -wise).

Preacheth (d) – NT:2784 κηρύσσω **kerusso** (kay-roos'-so); of uncertain affinity; to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):

KJV - preacher (-er), proclaim, publish.

Another – NT:2087 ἕτερος **heteros** (het'-er-os); of uncertain affinity; (an-, the) other or different: **KJV** - altered, else, next (day), one, (an-) other, some, strange.

Spirit – NT:4151 πνεῦμα **pneuma** (pnyoo'-mah); from NT:4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: **KJV** - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare NT:5590.

1 John 4

¹ Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God**:

³ And every spirit that **confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God**: and **this is that spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now **already is it in the world**.

Received – NT:2983 λαμβάνω **lambano** (lam-ban'-o); a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is use only as an alternate in certain tenses; to take (in very many applications, literally and figuratively [properly objective or active, to get hold of; whereas NT:1209 is rather subjective or passive, to have offered to one; while NT:138 is more violent, to seize or remove]):

KJV - accept, + be amazed, assay, attain, bring, ^xwhen I call, catch, come on (X unto), + forget, have, hold, obtain, receive (X after), take (away, up).

Gospel – NT:2098 εὐαγγέλιον **euaggelion** (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on); from the same as NT:2097; a good message, i.e. the gospel: **KJV** - gospel.

Accepted – NT:1209 δέχομαι **dechomai** (dekh'-om-ahee); middle voice of a primary verb; to receive (in various applications, literally or figuratively):

KJV - accept, receive, take. Compare NT:2983.

Bear – NT:430 ἀνέχομαι **anechomai** (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:303 and NT:2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with:

KJV - bear with, endure, forbear, suffer.

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Paul presents Himself

2 Corinthians 11 ...Self evaluation of himself

⁵ For I suppose I was not a whit [nothing] behind the very chiefest apostles.

Suppose – NT:3049 λογίζομαι **logizomai** (log-id'-zom-ah-ee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

Whit – NT:3367 μηδείς **medeis** (may-dice'); including the irregular feminine **medemia** (may-dem-ee'-ah); and the neuter **meden** (may-den'); from NT:3361 and NT:1520; not even one (man, woman, thing):

KJV - any (man, thing), no (man), none, not (at all, any man, a whit), nothing, + without delay.

Behind – NT:5302 ὕστερέω **hustereo** (hoos-ter-eh'-o); from NT:5306; to be later, i.e. (by implication) to be inferior; generally, to fall short (be deficient):

KJV - come behind (short), be destitute, fail, lack, suffer need, (be in) want, be the worse.

Chiefest – NT:5240b **huperperisseuo** (hoop-er-per-ees-soo'-o); from NT:5228 and NT:4052; to cause someone to overflow with something, to be present in (greater) abundance.

Apostles – NT:652 ἀπόστολος **apostolos** (ap-os'-tol-os); from NT:649; a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ["apostle"] (with miraculous powers): **KJV** - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

2 Corinthians 11 ...manifest himself

⁶ But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.

Rude – NT:2399 ἰδιώτης **idiotēs** (id-ee-o'-tace); from NT:2398; a private person, i.e. (by implication) an ignoramus (compare "idiot"): **KJV** - ignorant, rude, unlearned.

Speech – NT:3056 λόγος **logos** (log'-os); from NT:3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, ^xconcerning, doctrine, fame, ^xhave to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, ^xspeaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

Knowledge – NT:1108 γνῶσις **gnosis** (gno'-sis); from NT:1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge: **KJV** - knowledge, science.

Manifest – NT:5319 φανερόω **phaneroō** (fan-er-o'-o); from NT:5318; to render apparent (literally or figuratively):

KJV - appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self).

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2 Corinthians 11 ...humbled himself

⁷ Have I committed an offence in **abasing** myself that **ye might be exalted**, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

Offence – NT:266 ἁμαρτία **hamartia** (ham-ar-tee'-ah); from NT:264; a sin (properly abstract): **KJV** - offence, sin (-ful).

Abasing – NT:5013 ταπεινῶω **tapeinoo** (tap-i-no'-o); from NT:5011; to depress; fig, to humiliate (in condition or heart): **KJV** - abase, bring low, humble (self).

Exalted – NT:5312 ὑψῶω **hupsōo** (hoop-so'-o); from NT:5311; to elevate (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - exalt, lift up.

Freely – NT:1432 δωρεάν **dorean** (do-reh-an'); accusative case of NT:1431 as adverb; gratuitously (literally or fig): **KJV** - without a cause, freely, for naught, in vain.

...from – NT:1431 δωρεά **dorea** (do-reh-ah'); from NT:1435; a gratuity:
KJV - gift.

2 Corinthians 11 ...indebted himself

⁸ I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to **do you service**.

Robbed – NT:4813 συλλάω **sulao** (soo-lah'-o); from a derivative of sullo (to strip; probably akin to NT:138; compare NT:4661); to despoil: **KJV** - rob.

Wages – NT:3800 ὀψώνιον **opsonion** (op-so'-nee-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the same as NT:3795; rations for a soldier, i.e. (by extension) his stipend or pay: **KJV** - wages.

Service – NT:1248 διακονία **diakonia** (dee-ak-on-ee'-ah); from NT:1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):

KJV - (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), office, relief, service (-ing).

2 Corinthians 11 ...without burdening others

⁹ And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things **I have kept myself** from being burdensome unto you, and so will **I keep myself**.

Chargeable – NT:2655 καταναρκάω **katanarkao** (kat-an-ar-kah'-o); from NT:2596 and narkao (to be numb); to grow utterly torpid, i.e. (by implication) slothful (figuratively, expensive): **KJV** - be burdensome (chargeable).

Lacking – NT:5303 ὑστέρημα **husterema** (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from NT:5302; a deficit; specifically, poverty:

KJV - that which is behind, (that which was) lack (-ing), penury, want.

Burdensome – NT:4 ἀβαρής **abares** (ab-ar-ace'); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:922; weightless, i.e. (figuratively) not burdensome:

KJV - from being burdensome.

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2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted of Truth

¹⁰ As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

Truth – NT:225 ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from NT:227; truth:

KJV - true, ^xtruly, truth, verity.

Boasting – NT:2746 καύχησις **kauchesis** (kow'-khay-sis); from NT:2744; boasting (properly, the act; by implication, the object), in a good or a bad sense:

KJV - boasting, whereof I may glory, glorying, rejoicing.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted of his love

¹¹ Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

Knoweth – NT:1492 εἶδω **eidō** (i'-do); a primary verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equivalent NT:3700 and NT:3708; properly, to see (literally or figuratively); by implication (in the perf. only) to know:

KJV - be aware, behold, ^xcan (+not tell), consider, (have) know (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wish, wot. Compare NT:3700.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted of his desire

¹² But **what I do, that I will do**, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

Cut off – NT:1581 ἐκκόπτω **ekkopto** (ek-kop'-to); from NT:1537 and NT:2875; to excise; figuratively, to frustrate: **KJV** - cut down (off, out), hew down, hinder.

Occasion – NT:874 ἀφορμή **aphorme** (af-or-may'); from a compound of NT:575 and NT:3729; a starting-point, i.e. (figuratively) an opportunity: **KJV** - occasion.

Desire – NT:2309 θέλω **thelo** (thel'-o); or **ethelo** (eth-el'-o); in certain tenses **theleo** (thel-eh'-o); and **etheleo** (eth-el-eh'-o); which are otherwise obsolete; apparently strengthened from the alternate form of NT:138; **to determine** (as an active option from subjective impulse; whereas NT:1014 properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in:

KJV - desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling [-ly]).

Occasion – NT:874 ἀφορμή **aphorme** (af-or-may'); from a compound of NT:575 and NT:3729; a starting-point, i.e. (figuratively) an opportunity: **KJV** - occasion.

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Warned of Transformers

2 Corinthians 11 ...false apostles

¹³ For such are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves** into the apostles of Christ.

False apostles – NT:5570 ψευδαπόστολος **pseudapostolos** (psyoo-dap-os'-tol-os); from NT:5571 and NT:652; a spurious apostle, i.e. pretended preacher:

KJV - false teacher.

Transforming – NT:3345 μετασχηματίζω **metaschematizo** (met-askh-ay-mat-id'-zo); from NT:3326 and a derivative of NT:4976; to transfigure or disguise; figuratively, to apply (by accommodation): **KJV** - transfer, transform (self).

Romans 12

² And **be not conformed to this world**: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**.

2 Corinthians 11 ...false accusers

¹⁴ And no marvel [wonder]; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Satan – NT:4567 Σατανᾶς **Satanas** (sat-an-as'); of Aramaic origin corresponding to NT:4566 (with the definite affix); the accuser, i.e. the devil: **KJV** - Satan.

Transformed – NT:3345 μετασχηματίζω **metaschematizo** (met-askh-ay-mat-id'-zo); from NT:3326 and a derivative of NT:4976; to transfigure or disguise; figuratively, to apply (by accommodation): **KJV** - transfer, transform (self).

Angel – NT:32 ἄγγελος **aggelos** (ang'-el-os); from **aggello** [probably derived from NT:71; compare NT:34] (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor: **KJV** - angel, messenger.

2 Corinthians 11 ...false works

¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Ministers – NT:1249 διάκονος **diakonos** (dee-ak'-on-os); probably from an obsolete **diako** (to run on errands; compare NT:1377); an attendant, i.e. (genitive case) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); specially, a Christian teacher and pastor (technically, a deacon or deaconess): **KJV** - deacon, minister, servant.

Righteousness – NT:1343 δικαιοσύνη **dikaiousune** (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification:

KJV - righteousness.

Romans 1

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and **unrighteousness** of men, who hold the truth in **unrighteousness**;

Philippians 3

¹⁰ That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

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Paul shows his carnality

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted himself

¹⁶ I say again, let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive [accept] me, that I may boast myself a little.

Fool – NT:878 ἄφρων **aphron** (af-rone); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:5424; properly, mindless, i.e. stupid, (by implication) ignorant, (specially) egotistic, (practically) rash, or (morally) unbelieving: **KJV** - fool (-ish), unwise.

Boast – NT:2744 καυχάομαι **kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ahee); from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and NT:2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - (make) boast, glory, joy, rejoice.

2 Corinthians 11 ...confident in himself

¹⁷ That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

Foolishly – NT:877 ἀφροσύνη **aphrosune** (af-ros-oo'-nay); from NT:878; senselessness, i.e. (euphem.) egotism; (morally) recklessness: **KJV** - folly, foolishly (-ness).

Confidence – NT:5287 ὑπόστασις **hupostasis** (hoop-os'-tas-is); from a compound of NT:5259 and NT:2476; a setting under (support), i.e. (figuratively) concretely, essence, or abstractly, assurance (objectively or subjectively):

KJV - confidence, confident, person, substance.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted in his flesh

¹⁸ Seeing that many glory [boast] after [following after] the flesh, I will glory [boast] also.

2 Corinthians 11 ...just like other fools you accept

¹⁹ For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise.

Suffer – NT:430 ἀνέχομαι **anechomai** (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:303 and NT:2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with:

KJV - bear with, endure, forbear, suffer.

Gladly – NT:2234 ἡδέως **hedeos** (hay-deh'-oce); adverb from a derivative of the base of NT:2237; sweetly, i.e. (figuratively) with pleasure: **KJV** - gladly.

Wise – NT:5429 φρόνιμος **phronimos** (fron'-ee-mos); from NT:5424; thoughtful, i.e. sagacious or discreet (implying a cautious character; while NT:4680 denotes practical skill or acumen; and NT:4908 indicates rather intelligence or mental acquirement); in a bad sense conceited (also in the comparative): **KJV** - wise (-r).

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Warned against destructive

2 Corinthians 11 ...snares

²⁰ For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

Suffer – NT:430 ἀνέχομαι **anechomai** (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:303 and NT:2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with:

KJV - bear with, endure, forbear, suffer.

Bondage – NT:2615 καταδουλώω **katadouloo** (kat-ad-oo-lo'-o); from NT:2596 and NT:1402; to enslave utterly: **KJV** - bring into bondage.

Devour – NT:2719 κατασθίω **katesthio** (kat-es-thee'-o); from NT:2596 and NT:2068 (including its alternate); to eat down, i.e. devour (literally or figuratively):

KJV - devour.

Take – NT:2983 λαμβάνω **lambano** (lam-ban'-o); a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is use only as an alternate in certain tenses; to take (in very many applications, literally and figuratively [properly objective or active, to get hold of; whereas NT:1209 is rather subjective or passive, to have offered to one; while NT:138 is more violent, to seize or remove]):

KJV - accept, + be amazed, assay, attain, bring, ^xwhen I call, catch, come on (X unto), + forget, have, hold, obtain, receive (X after), take (away, up).

Exalt – NT:1869 ἐπαίρω **epairo** (ep-ahee'-ro); from NT:1909 and NT:142; to raise up (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - exaltself, poise (lift, take) up.

Smite – NT:1194 δέρω **dero** (der'-o); a primary verb; properly, to flay, i.e. (by implication) to scourge, or (by analogy) to thrash: **KJV** - beat, smite.

Paul shows his boldness

2 Corinthians 11 ...boldness

²¹ I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

Reproach – NT:819 ἀτιμία **atimia** (at-ee-mee'-ah); from NT:820; infamy, i.e. (subjectively) comparative indignity, (objectively) disgrace:

KJV - dishonour, reproach, shame, vile.

Weak – NT:770 ἀσθενέω **astheneo** (as-then-eh'-o); from NT:772; to be feeble (in any sense): **KJV** - be diseased, impotent folk (man), (be) sick, (be, be made) weak.

Bold – NT:5111 τολμάω **tolmao** (tol-mah'-o); from tolma (boldness; probably itself from the base of NT:5056 through the idea of extreme conduct); to venture (objectively or in act; while NT:2292 is rather subjective or in feeling); by implication, to be courageous: **KJV** - be bold, boldly, dare, durst.

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2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted his lineage

²² Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted his reception in the world

²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in **labours** more abundant, in **stripes** above measure [excessive], in **prisons** more frequent, in **deaths** oft.

Labours – NT:2873 κόπος **kopos** (kop'-os); from NT:2875; a cut, i.e. (by analogy) toil (as reducing the strength), literally or figuratively; by implication, pains:

KJV - labour, + trouble, weariness.

...from – NT:2875 κόπτω **kopto** (kop'-to); a primary verb; to "chop"; specially, to beat the breast in grief: **KJV** - cut down, lament, mourn, (be-) wail.

Stripes – NT:4127 πληγή **plege** (play-gay'); from NT:4141; a stroke; by implication, a wound; figuratively, a calamity: **KJV** - plague, stripe, wound (-ed).

Fool – NT:3912 παραφρονέω **paraphroneo** (par-af-ron-eh'-o); from NT:3844 and NT:5426; to misthink, i.e. be insane (silly): **KJV** - as a fool.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted being punished...

²⁴ Of the Jews **five times** received I **forty stripes** save [less] one.

2 Corinthians 11boasted his persecution

²⁵ **Thrice was I beaten with rods [sticks], once was I stoned [lapidated], thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;**

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted more perils

²⁶ In **journeyings often**, in **perils of waters**, in perils of **robbers**, in perils by **mine own countrymen**, in perils by the **heathen**, in perils in **the city**, in perils in the **wilderness**, in perils in the **sea**, in perils among **false brethren**;

Perils – NT:2794 κίνδυνος **kindunos** (kin'-doo-nos); of uncertain derivation; danger:

KJV - peril.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted his physical hardships

²⁷ In **weariness** and **painfulness**, in **watchings** often, in **hunger and thirst**, in **fastings** often, in **cold** and **nakedness**.

Weariness – NT:2873 κόπος **kopos** (kop'-os); from NT:2875; a cut, i.e. (by analogy) toil (as reducing the strength), literally or figuratively; by implication, pains:

KJV - labour, + trouble, weariness.

Painfulness – NT:3449 μόχθος **mochthos** (mokh'-thos); from the base of NT:3425; toil, i.e. (by implication) sadness: **KJV** - painfulness, travail.

Watchings – NT:70 ἀγρυπνία **agrupnia** (ag-roop-nee'-ah); from NT:69; sleeplessness, i.e. a keeping awake: **KJV** - watch.

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2 Corinthians 11

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted his care of the church besides

²⁸ Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

Beside – NT:5565 χωρίς **choris** (kho-rece'); adverb from NT:5561; at a space, i.e. separately or apart from (often as preposition): **KJV** - beside, by itself, without.

Without – NT:3924 παρεκτός **parektos** (par-ek-tos'); from NT:3844 and NT:1622; near outside, i.e. besides: **KJV** - except, saving, without.

Care – NT:3308 μέριμνα **merimna** (mer'-im-nah); from NT:3307 (through the idea of distraction); solicitude: **KJV** - care.

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted being feeble and being entrapped

²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

Weak – NT:770 ἀσθενέω **astheneo** (as-then-eh'-o); from NT:772; to be feeble (in any sense): **KJV** - be diseased, impotent folk (man), (be) sick, (be, be made) weak.

Offended – NT:4624 σκανδαλίζω **skandalizo** (skan-dal-id'-zo) ("scandalize"); from NT:4625; to entrap, i.e. trip up (figuratively, stumble [transitively] or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure): **KJV** - (make to) offend.

Psalm 119

¹¹⁰ The **wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.**

Burn – NT:4448 πυρόω **puroo** (poo-ro'-o); from NT:4442; to kindle, i.e. (passively) to be ignited, glow (literally), be refined (by implication), or (figuratively) to be inflamed (with anger, grief, lust): **KJV** - burn, fiery, be on fire, try.

1 Corinthians 7

³⁵ And this I **speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you**, but for that which is comely, and that ye may **attend upon the Lord without distraction.**

2 Timothy 2

²⁶ And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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2 Corinthians 11

Evidentiary goodness

2 Corinthians 11 ...boasted of infirmities

³⁰ If I must needs glory [boast], I will glory [boast] of the things which concern mine infirmities.

Infirmities – NT:769 ἄσθενεια **astheneia** (as-then'-i-ah); from NT:772; feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty:

KJV - disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.

Galatians 6

¹² As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

¹³ For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

¹⁴ But **God forbid that I should glory**, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From henceforth let no man trouble me: for **I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus**.

¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁷ For our light **affliction**, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Romans 15

¹ We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

² Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

³ For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

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2 Corinthians 11

2 Corinthians 11 ...adoring God

³¹ The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. Blessed – NT:2128 εὐλογητός **eulogetos** (yoo-log-ay-tos'); from NT:2127; adorable: **KJV** - blessed.

1 Thessalonians 3 ...their faith would be healing

⁷ Therefore, brethren, we were **comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith**:

Galatians 4 ...reception as an angel of God

¹² Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

¹³ **Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel** unto you at the first.

¹⁴ And my temptation which was in my flesh ye **despised not, nor rejected**; but **received me as an angel of God**, even as Christ Jesus.

Acts 20 ...more than he adored himself

²² And now, behold, I go **bound in the spirit** unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

²³ Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that **bonds and afflictions abide me**.

²⁴ But none of these things move me, **neither count I my life dear unto myself**, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to **testify the gospel** of the grace of God.

Paul show that not only he but others risked their lives for the love of Corinth

2 Corinthians 11 ...enveloped by evil

³² In Damascus the governor [ἐθνάρχης] under Aretas [Arabian] the king kept the city of the damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

Damascus – NT:1154 Δαμασκός **Damaskos** (dam-as-kos'); of Hebrew origin [OT:1834]; Damascus, a city of Syria: **KJV** - Damascus.

Garrison – NT:5432 φρουρέω **phroureo** (froo-reh'-o); from a compound of NT:4253 and NT:3708; to be a watcher in advance, i.e. to mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates); figuratively, to hem in, protect: **KJV** - keep (with a garrison).

2 Corinthians 11 ...a way to escape

³³ And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

1 Corinthians 10

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make **a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Timothy 3

¹¹ Persecutions, **afflictions**, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all **the Lord delivered me**.

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2 Corinthians 11

Psalm 94

⁴ How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity **boast** themselves?

James 4

¹⁶ But now ye rejoice in your **boastings**: all such rejoicing is evil.

Psalm 34

² My soul shall make her **boast in the LORD**: the **humble shall hear thereof, and be glad**.

Psalm 44

⁸ In God we **boast** all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

God provided a way of escape not for our selfish motives...

....rather, that the appearance should be approved, by God, we understand that our escape should be provide us, for the benefit of those who should be saved to whom we extend the liberty of the Lord.

God be glorified by all whom He alone has ordained and anointed, approved and commended us for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. ...to all those of us who know the necessity to preach because the church matters more than our appearance!

Church matters more so that those, to whom we preach, might make an appearance.

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Expedience

2 Corinthians 12

¹ It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

Expedient – [NT:4851](#) συμφέρω **sumphero** (soom-fer'-o); from [NT:4862](#) and [NT:5342](#) (including its alternate); to bear together (contribute), i.e. (literally) to collect, or (figuratively) to conduce; especially (neuter participle as a noun) advantage:

KJV - be better for, bring together, be expedient, means, method, maneuver, convenient, practical, useful (for), be good, (be) profit (-able for).

Expedient - tending to promote some proposed or desired object; fit or suitable for the purpose; proper under the circumstances

1 Corinthians 10

²³ All things are lawful for me, but **all things are not expedient**: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Visions – [NT:3701](#) ὄπτασία **optasia** (op-tas-ee'-ah); from a presumed derivative of [NT:3700](#); visuality, i.e. (concretely) an apparition: **KJV** - vision.

Revelations – [NT:602](#) ἀποκάλυψις **apokalupsis** (ap-ok-al'-oop-sis); from [NT:601](#); disclosure:

KJV - appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation.

Vision

2 Corinthians 12

² I knew a man in Christ above fourteen [14] years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether **out of the body**, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

Caught up – [NT:726](#) ἄρπάζω **harpazo** (har-pad'-zo); from a derivative of [NT:138](#); to seize (in various applications): **KJV** - catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

2 Corinthians 12

³ And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or **out of the body**, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Expedience (*cont*)

Revelation

2 Corinthians 12

⁴ How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Paradise – [NT:3857](#) παράδεισος **paradeisos** (par-ad'-i-sos); of Oriental origin [compare [OT:6508](#)]; a park, i.e. (specifically) an Eden (place of future happiness, "paradise"): **KJV** - paradise.

Unspeakable – [NT:731](#) ἄρρητος **arrhetos** (ar'-hray-tos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and the same as [NT:4490](#); unsaid, i.e. (by implication) inexpressible: **KJV** - unspeakable.

Infirmities

2 Corinthians 12

⁵ Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

Infirmities – [NT:769](#) ἀσθένεια **astheneia** (as-then'-i-ah); from [NT:772](#); feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty:

KJV - disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.

2 Corinthians 11

³⁰ If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine **infirmities**.

Desires

2 Corinthians 12

⁶ For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

Fool – [NT:878](#) ἄφρων **aphron** (af'-rone); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:5424](#); properly, mindless, i.e. stupid, (by implication) ignorant, (specially) egotistic, (practically) rash, or (morally) unbelieving: **KJV** - fool (-ish), unwise.

Above – [NT:5228](#) ὑπέρ **huper** (hoop-er'); a primary preposition; "over", i.e. (with the genitive case) of place, above, beyond, across, or causal, for the sake of, instead, regarding; with the accusative case superior to, more than:

KJV - (+exceeding, abundantly) above, in (on) behalf of, beyond, by, + very chiefest, concerning, exceeding (above, -ly), for, + very highly, more (than), of, over, on the part of, for sake of, in stead, than, to (-ward), very. In comp. it retains many of the above applications.

Romans 12

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

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Expedience (*cont*)

Desires (*cont*)

1 Corinthians 4

⁶ And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might **learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.**

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Humility

2 Corinthians 12 ...more than self adulation

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Exalted above measure – [NT:5229](#) ὑπεραίρομαι **huperairomai** (hoop-er-ah'-ee-rom-ahee); middle voice from [NT:5228](#) and [NT:142](#); to raise oneself over, i.e. (figuratively) to become haughty: **KJV** - exaltself, be exalted above measure.

Psalm 46

¹⁰ Be still, and **know that I am God: I will be exalted** among the heathen, I will be **exalted in the earth.**

Psalm 57

⁵ **Be thou exalted, O God,** above the heavens; **let thy glory be above all the earth.**

Isaiah 2 ...a time when all shall be brought low

¹⁷ And the **loftiness of man shall be bowed down**, and the **haughtiness of men shall be made low**: and the **LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

Matthew 23

¹² And **whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased**; and **he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**

Abundance – [NT:5236](#) ὑπερβολή **hyperbole** (hoop-er-bol-ay'); from [NT:5235](#); a throwing beyond others, i.e. (figuratively) supereminence; adverbially (with [NT:1519](#) or [NT:2596](#)) preeminently:

KJV - abundance, (far more) exceeding, excellency, more excellent, beyond (out of) measure.

Thorn – [NT:4647](#) σκόλοψ **skolops** (skol'-ops); perhaps from the base of [NT:4628](#) and [NT:3700](#); withered at the front, i.e. a point or prickle (figuratively, a bodily annoyance or disability): **KJV** - thorn.

Messenger – [NT:32](#) ἄγγελος **aggelos** (ang'-el-os); from **aggello** [probably derived from [NT:71](#); compare [NT:34](#)] (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor: **KJV** - angel, messenger.

Buffet – [NT:2852](#) κολαφίζω **kolaphizo** (kol-af-id'-zo); from a derivative of the base of [NT:2849](#); to rap with the fist: **KJV** - buffet.

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Humility (*cont*)

2 Corinthians 12 ...lowly sought the Lord his desire for removal of the thorn

⁸ For this thing I besought the Lord **thrice**, that it might depart from me.

Besought – [NT:3870](#) παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2564](#); to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): **KJV** - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Depart – [NT:868](#) ἀφίστημι **aphistemi** (af-is'-tay-mee); frn [NT:575](#) and [NT:2476](#); to remove, i.e. (actively) instigate to revolt; usually (reflexively) to desist, desert, etc.: **KJV** - depart, draw (fall) away, refrain, withdrawself.

1 Peter 5

⁶ **Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that He may exalt you in due time:**

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Sufficiency

2 Corinthians 12 of God's grace

⁹ And he said unto me, My **grace** is sufficient for thee: for my [God's] **strength** is made **perfect** in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that the **power** of Christ may rest upon me.

Sufficient – [NT:714](#) ἀρκέω **arkeo** (ar-keh'-o); apparently a primary verb [probably akin to [NT:142](#) through the idea of raising a barrier]; properly, to ward off, i.e. (by impl) to avail (fig, be satisfactory): **KJV** - be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient.

Matthew 6

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. **Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**

2 Corinthians 3

⁴ And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

⁵ **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but **our sufficiency is of God;****

Sufficient – [NT:2425](#) ἱκανός **hikanos** (hik-an-os'); from hiko [hikano or hikneomai, akin to [NT:2240](#)] (to arrive); competent [able], (as if coming in season), i.e. ample [sufficient – more than enough] (in amount) or fit (in character):

KJV - able, + content, enough, good, great, large, long (while), many, meet, much, security, sore, sufficient, worthy.

Sufficiency – [NT:2426](#) ἱκανότης **hikanotes** (hik-an-ot'-ace); from [NT:2425](#); ability: **KJV** - sufficiency.

⁶ Who also hath **made us able ministers** of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for **the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.**

Strength – [NT:1411](#) δύναμις **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is); from [NT:1410](#); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): **KJV** - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Perfect – [NT:5048](#) τελειόω **teleioo** (tel-i-o'-o); from [NT:5046](#); to complete, i.e. (literally) accomplish, or (figuratively) consummate (in character): **KJV** - consecrate, finish, fulfil, make) perfect.

Weakness – [NT:769](#) ἀσθένεια **astheneia** (as-then'-i-ah); from [NT:772](#); feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty: **KJV** - disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.

Power – [NT:1411](#) δύναμις **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is); from [NT:1410](#); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): **KJV** - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

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Sufficiency (*cont*)

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2 Corinthians 9

⁸ And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you**; that ye, always **having all sufficiency in all things**, may **abound to every good work**:

...against all circumstances

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Pleasure – [NT:2106](#) εὐδοκέω **eudokeo** (yoo-dok-eh'-o); from [NT:2095](#) and [NT:1380](#); to think well of, i.e. approve (an act); specially, to approbate (a person or thing): **KJV** - think good, (be well) please (-d), be the good (have, take) pleasure, be willing.

Romans 15

¹ We then that are strong ought to **bear the infirmities** of the weak, and **not to please ourselves**.

Philippians 2

¹³ For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure**.

Reproaches – [NT:5196](#) ὕβρις **hubris** (hoo'-bris); from [NT:5228](#); insolence (as over-bearing), i.e. insult, injury:

KJV - harm, hurt, reproach.

Necessities – [NT:318](#) ἀνάγκη **anagke** (an-ang-kay'); from [NT:303](#) and the base of [NT:43](#); constraint (literally or figuratively); by implication, distress:

KJV - distress, must needs, (of) necessity (-sary), needeth, needful.

Persecutions – [NT:1375](#) διωγμός **diogmos** (dee-ogue-mos'); from [NT:1377](#); persecution:

KJV - persecution.

Distresses – [NT:4730](#) στενοχωρία **stenochoria** (sten-okh-o-ree'-ah); from a compound of [NT:4728](#) and [NT:5561](#); narrowness of room, i.e. (figuratively) calamity:

KJV - anguish, distress.

2 Timothy 3

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God**;

Hebrews 11

⁶ But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Necessity

2 Corinthians 12

¹¹ I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I **ought to have been commended** of you: for **in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles**, though I be nothing.

Compelled – [NT:315](#) ἀναγκάζω **anagkazo** (an-ang-kad'-zo); from [NT:318](#); to necessitate: **KJV** - compel, constrain.

Nothing – [NT:3762](#) οὐδείς **oudeis** (oo-dice'); including feminine **oudemia** (oo-dem-ee'-ah); and neuter **ouden** (oo-den'); from [NT:3761](#) and [NT:1520](#); not even one (man, woman or thing), i.e. none, nobody, nothing:

KJV - any (man), aught, man, neither any (thing), never (man), no (man), none (+of these things), not (any, at all, -thing), nought.

1 Corinthians 9

¹⁶ For though I preach the gospel, **I have nothing to glory of**: for **necessity is laid upon me**; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Philemon 1

¹⁴ But **without thy mind would I do nothing**; that thy **benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly**.

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Signs and Wonders AND Deeds

2 Corinthians 12

¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Patience – [NT:5281](#) ὑπομονή **hupomone** (hoop-om-on-ay'); from [NT:5278](#); cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:

KJV - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

Signs – [NT:4592](#) σημεῖον **semeion** (say-mi'-on); neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of [NT:4591](#); an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally:

KJV - miracle, sign, token, wonder.

Wonders – [NT:5059](#) τέρας **teras** (ter'-as); of uncertain affinity; a prodigy or omen:

KJV - wonder.

Mighty deeds – [NT:1411](#) δύναμις **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is); from [NT:1410](#); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):

KJV - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Daniel 4

¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

² I thought it **good to shew the signs and wonders** that the high God hath wrought toward me.

³ **How great are his signs!** and **how mighty are his wonders!** His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.

Matthew 24

²⁴ For there shall arise **false Christs**, and false prophets, and shall shew great **signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall **deceive the very elect**.

John 4 ...many believed because of the Word ...signs and wonders are for unbelievers...

⁴⁸ Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see **signs and wonders**, ye will not believe.

2 Thessalonians 2 Satan will parallel right with evil

⁸ And then shall that **Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan **with all power and signs and lying wonders**,

¹⁰ And **with all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth**, that **they might be saved**.

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2 Corinthians 12-13

Responsibility

2 Corinthians 12

¹³ For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

Inferior – [NT:2274](#) ἥττω **hettao** (hayt-tah'-o); from the same as [NT:2276](#); to make worse, i.e. vanquish (literally or figuratively); by implication, to rate lower:

KJV - be inferior, overcome.

When of age

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁴ Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

With Love

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁵ And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

1 Corinthians 8

¹ Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. **Knowledge puffeth up**, but **charity edifieth**.

1 Corinthians 13

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13

⁴ **Charity** suffereth long, and is kind; **charity** envieth not; **charity** vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1 Corinthians 13

⁸ **Charity** never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1 Corinthians 13

¹³ And now abideth **faith**, **hope**, **charity**, these three; but the **greatest** of these is **charity**.

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁴ Let all your things be done with **charity**.

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Responsibility (*cont*)

Watchful

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁶ But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

Crafty – [NT:3835](#) πανοῦργος **panougos** (pan-oor'-gos); from [NT:3956](#) and [NT:2041](#); all-working, i.e. adroit (shrewd): **KJV** - crafty.

Guile – [NT:1388](#) δόλος **dolos** (dol'-os); from an obsolete primary verb, **dello** (probably meant to decoy; compare [NT:1185](#)); a trick (bait), i.e. (figuratively) wile: **KJV** - craft, deceit, guile, subtilty.

Without Gain

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁷ Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

Gain – [NT:4122](#) πλεονεκτέω **pleonekteo** (pleh-on-cek-teh'-o); from [NT:4123](#); to be covetous, i.e. (by implication) to over-reach: **KJV** - get an advantage, defraud, make a gain.

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Walk in same Spirit

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁸ I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

Spirit – [NT:4151](#) πνεῦμα **pneuma** (pnyoo'-mah); from [NT:4154](#); a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: **KJV** - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare [NT:5590](#).

Romans 8

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **walk** not after the flesh, but after the **Spirit**.

Romans 8

⁴ That the **righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who **walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**.

Galatians 5

¹⁶ This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the **flesh**.

Galatians 5

²⁵ If we **live in the Spirit**, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.

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Edification

2 Corinthians 12

¹⁹ Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

Edifying – [NT:3619](#) οἰκοδομή **oikodome** (oy-kod-om-ay'); feminine (abstract) of a compound of [NT:3624](#) and the base of [NT:1430](#); architecture, i.e. (concretely) a structure; figuratively, confirmation: **KJV** - building, edify (-ication, -ing).

1 Corinthians 14

³ But he that **prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification**, and **exhortation**, and **comfort**.

⁴ He that speaketh in an **unknown tongue edifieth himself**; but he that **prophesieth edifieth the church**.

⁵ I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, **that the church may receive edifying**.

Interpret – [NT:1329](#) διερμηνεύω **diermeneuo** (dee-er-main-yoo'-o); to explain thoroughly, by implication, to translate: **KJV** - expound, interpret (-ation).

Else in Ignorance

2 Corinthians 12

²⁰ For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

Debates – [NT:2054](#) ἔρις **eris** (er'-is); of uncertain affinity; a quarrel, i.e. (by implication) wrangling: **KJV** - contention, debate, strife, variance.

Envyings – [NT:2205](#) ζήλος **zelos** (dzay'-los); from [NT:2204](#); properly, heat, i.e. (figuratively) "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, jealousy, as of a husband [figuratively, of God], or an enemy, malice): **KJV** - emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal.

Wraths – [NT:2372](#) θυμός **thumos** (thoo-mos'); from [NT:2380](#); passion (as if breathing hard): **KJV** - fierceness, indignation, wrath. Compare [NT:5590](#).

Strifes – [NT:2052](#) ἐριθεία **eritheia** (er-ith-i'-ah); perhaps as the same as [NT:2042](#); properly, intrigue, i.e. (by implication) faction: **KJV** - contention (-ious), strife.

Backbitings – [NT:2636](#) καταλαλία **katalalia** (kat-al-al-ee'-ah); from [NT:2637](#); defamation: **KJV** - backbiting, evil speaking.

Whisperings – [NT:5587](#) ψιθυρισμός **psithurismos** (psith-oo-ris-mos'); from a derivative of psithos (a whisper; by implication, a slander; probably akin to [NT:5574](#)); whispering, i.e. secret detraction: **KJV** - whispering.

Swellings – [NT:5450](#) φουσίωσις **phusiosis** (foo-see'-o-sis); from [NT:5448](#); inflation, i.e. (figuratively) haughtiness: **KJV** - swelling.

Tumults – [NT:181](#) ἀκαταστασία **akatastasia** (ak-at-as-tah-see'-ah); from [NT:182](#); instability, i.e. disorder: **KJV** - commotion, confusion, tumult.

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Edification (*cont*)

Else without Repentance

2 Corinthians 12

²¹ And lest, when I come again, my **God will humble me among you**, and that I shall **bewail many which have sinned already [previously]**, and have not **repented** of the **uncleanness** and **fornication** and **lasciviousness** which they have **committed**.

Humble – [NT:5013](#) ταπεινώω **tapeinoo** (tap-i-no'-o); from [NT:5011](#); to depress; figuratively, to humiliate (in condition or heart): **KJV** - abase, bring low, humble (self).

Bewail – [NT:3996](#) πενθέω **pentheo** (pen-theh'-o); from [NT:3997](#); to grieve (the feeling or the act): **KJV** - mourn, (be-) wail.

Sinned already – [NT:4258](#) προαμαρτάνω **proamartano** (pro-am-ar-tan'-o); from [NT:4253](#) and [NT:264](#); to sin **previously** (to conversion): **KJV** - sin already, heretofore sin.

Repented – [NT:3340](#) μετανοέω **metanoeo** (met-an-o-eh'-o); from [NT:3326](#) and [NT:3539](#); to think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider (morally, feel compunction): **KJV** - repent.

Uncleanness – [NT:167](#) ἀκαθαρσία **akatharsia** (ak-ath-ar-see'-ah); from [NT:169](#); impurity (the quality), physically or morally: **KJV** - uncleanness.

Fornication – [NT:4202](#) πορνεία **porneia** (por-ni'-ah); from [NT:4203](#); harlotry (including adultery and incest); figuratively, idolatry: **KJV** - fornication.

Lasciviousness – [NT:766](#) ἀσέλγεια **aselgeia** (as-elg'-i-a); from a compound of [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and a presumed **selges** (of uncertain derivation, but apparently meaning continent); licentiousness (sometimes including other vices): **KJV** - filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.

Committed – [NT:4238](#) πράσσω **prasso** (pras'-so); a primary verb; to "practise", i.e. perform repeatedly or habitually (thus differing from [NT:4160](#), which properly refers to a single act); by implication, to execute, accomplish, etc.; specifically, to collect (dues), fare (personally): **KJV** - commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts.

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Established

2 Corinthians 13

¹ This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Established – [NT:2476](#) ἵστημι **histemi** (his'-tay-mee); a prolonged form of a primary stao (stah'-o) (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); to stand (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare [NT:5087](#).

Proverbs 16

³ **Commit thy works** unto the LORD, and **thy thoughts shall be established**.

Without Leniency

2 Corinthians 13

² I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

Spare – [NT:5339](#) φείδομαι **pheidomai** (fi'-dom-ah-ee); of uncertain affinity; to be chary of, i.e. (subjectively) to abstain or (objectively) to treat leniently: **KJV** - forbear, spare.

Without Weakness

2 Corinthians 13

³ Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

Proof – [NT:1382](#) δοκιμή **dokime** (dok-ee-may'); from the same as [NT:1384](#); test (abstractly or concretely); by implication, trustiness: **KJV** - experience (-riment), proof, trial.

Life Power

2 Corinthians 13

⁴ For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he **liveth by the power of God**. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

Crucified – [NT:4717](#) σταυρώω **stauroo** (stow-ro'-o); from [NT:4716](#); to impale on the cross; figuratively, to extinguish (subdue) passion or selfishness: **KJV** - crucify.

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Selflessness

2 Corinthians 13

⁵ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Examine – [NT:3985](#) πειράζω **peirazo** (pi-rad'-zo); from [NT:3984](#); to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline:

KJV - assay, examine, go about, prove, tempt (-er), try.

Faith – [NT:4102](#) πίστις **pistis** (pis'-tis); from [NT:3982](#); persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:

KJV - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Prove – [NT:1381](#) δοκιμάζω **dokimazo** (dok-im-ad'-zo); from [NT:1384](#); to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve:

KJV - allow, discern, examine, ^xlike, (ap-) prove, try.

Reprobates – [NT:96](#) ἄδοκιμος **adokimos** (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:1384](#); unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): **KJV** - castaway, rejected, reprobate.

Trusting

2 Corinthians 13

⁶ But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

Reprobates – [NT:96](#) ἄδοκιμος **adokimos** (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:1384](#); unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): **KJV** - castaway, rejected, reprobate.

Without evil

2 Corinthians 13 ...disregard the worldly spin...

⁷ Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

Evil – [NT:2556](#) κακός **kakos** (kak-os'); apparently a primary word; worthless (intrinsically, such; whereas [NT:4190](#) properly refers to effects), i.e. (subjectively) depraved, or (objectively) injurious: **KJV** - bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked.

Approved – [NT:1384](#) δόκιμος **dokimos** (dok'-ee-mos); from [NT:1380](#); properly, acceptable (current after assayal), i.e. approved: **KJV** - approved, tried.

Honest – [NT:2570](#) καλός **kalos** (kal-os'); of uncertain affinity; properly, beautiful, but chiefly (figuratively) good (literally or morally), i.e. valuable or virtuous (for appearance or use, and thus distinguished from [NT:18](#), which is properly intrinsic): **KJV** - ^xbetter, fair, good (-ly), honest, meet, well, worthy.

Reprobates – [NT:96](#) ἄδοκιμος **adokimos** (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from [NT:1](#) (as a negative particle) and [NT:1384](#); unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): **KJV** - castaway, rejected, reprobate.

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Selflessness (*cont*)

Honestly

2 Corinthians 13

⁸ For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

Truth – [NT:225](#) ἀλήθεια **aletheia** (al-ay'-thi-a); from [NT:227](#); truth:

KJV - true, ^x truly, truth, verity.

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Perfection

2 Corinthians 13

⁹ For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

Perfection – [NT:2676](#) κατάρτισις **katartisis** (kat-ar'-tis-is); from [NT:2675](#); thorough equipment (subjectively): **KJV** - perfection.

Psalm 37

³⁷ Mark the **perfect** man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

Matthew 5

⁴⁸ **Be ye therefore perfect**, even as **your Father** which is in heaven is **perfect**.

With Power

2 Corinthians 13

¹⁰ Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

Sharpness – [NT:664](#) ἀποτόμως **apotomos** (ap-ot-om'-oce); adverb from a derivative of a comparative of [NT:575](#) and temno (to cut); abruptly, i.e. preemptorily: **KJV** - sharply (-ness).

Edification – [NT:3619](#) οἰκοδομή **oikodome** (oy-kod-om-ay'); feminine (abstract) of a compound of [NT:3624](#) and the base of [NT:1430](#); architecture, i.e. (concretely) a structure; figuratively, confirmation: **KJV** - building, edify (-ication, -ing).

Destruction – [NT:2506](#) καθαίρεισις **kathairesis** (kath-ah'-ee-res-is); from [NT:2507](#); demolition; figuratively, extinction: **KJV** - destruction, pulling down.

With Peace

2 Corinthians 13

¹¹ Finally, brethren, **farewell**. **Be perfect**, be of **good comfort**, be of **one mind**, **live in peace**; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Perfect – [NT:2675](#) καταρτίζω **katartizo** (kat-ar-tid'-zo); from [NT:2596](#) and a derivative of [NT:739](#); to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust: **KJV** - fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

Good comfort – [NT:3870](#) παρακαλέω **parakaleo** (par-ak-al-eh'-o); from [NT:3844](#) and [NT:2564](#); to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation): **KJV** - beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Mind – [NT:5426](#) φρονέω **phroneo** (fron-eh'-o); from [NT:5424](#); to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience):

KJV - set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.

Live in Peace – [NT:1514](#) εἰρηνεύω **eireneuo** (i-rane-yoo'-o); from [NT:1515](#); to be (act) peaceful: **KJV** - be at (have, live in) peace, live peaceably.

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Perfection (*cont*)

With Affection in Love

2 Corinthians 13

¹²Greet one another with an holy kiss.

Kiss – [NT:5370](#) φίλημα philema (fil'-ay-mah); from [NT:5368](#); a kiss: *KJV* - kiss.

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United

2 Corinthians 13

¹³ All the saints salute you.

Salute – [NT:782](#) ἀσπάζομαι **aspazomai** (as-pad'-zom-ahee); from [NT:1](#) (as a particle of union) and a presumed form of [NT:4685](#); to enfold in the arms, i.e. (by implication) to salute, (figuratively) to welcome: **KJV** - embrace, greet, salute, take leave.

Fellowship

2 Corinthians 13

¹⁴ The **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**, and the **love of God**, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Communion – [NT:2842](#) κοινωνία **koinonia** (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from [NT:2844](#); partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:

KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

Ephesians 4

¹³ Till we **all** come in the **unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the **fulness of Christ**:

Psalm 133

¹ Behold, how **good and how pleasant** it is for brethren to **dwell together in unity!**

Ephesians 4

³ Endeavouring to **keep the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

What could be more exhibit more our unifying love for God,
Than to show to all within or without
That **Church matters more**
...more than anything else to us!