



“Expectations”

From a Healthy Church
II Corinthians 12:11-21

A church where you find:

I. Affirmation – “to have been commended of you” (vs. 11-13)

Found in our:

- A. **Mot** _____ - “you have compelled me”
- B. **Mo** _____ – “though I be nothing”
- C. **M** _____ – “in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds”

II. Appreciation - “I seek not your’s, but you” (vs. 14-19)

For the:

- A. **La** _____ - “children ought not lay up for the parents but the parents for the children”
- B. **Lo** _____ – “the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved”
- C. **Le** _____ – “all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying”

III. Accountability – “For I fear lest, when I come” (vs. 19-21)

Focusing on:

- A. **Com** _____ - “debates, envying, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults”
- B. **Con** _____ – “and have not repented of ”
- C. **Con** _____ - “uncleanness, fornication, and lasciviousness”

Sentence Sermon

“Your most powerful testimony is how you treat others after the church service is over.”

Additional Verses

- **Jeremiah 6:15**
- **I John 3:3**
- **I Thessalonians 4:3**
- **II Timothy 2:15**
- **Proverbs 28:13**
- **I Corinthians 4:3-4**
- **Galatians 5:19**
- **John 8:3-7**
- **Philippians 3:3**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What benefit would Paul receive from the Corinthians commending him?
4. Why does Paul say that he is nobody?
5. Why does Paul call signs and wonders signs of an apostle? And today?
6. What does Paul mean by “seek not your’s but you?” In practice today?
7. What was Paul’s point in saying that the men that he sent were selfless?
8. What are some examples of Paul’s ministry focus on edifying?
9. What is the worst of the “sins of the spirit” listed in verse 20?
10. Why would Paul be humbled by the lack of repentance of the Corinthians?
11. In what way can we improve based on the Paul’s expectations of the church?