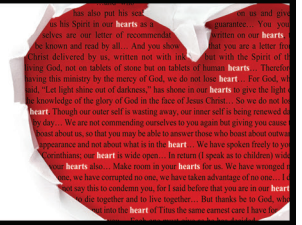


HeartHealthinHardTimes

2 CORINTHIANS



AAA For a Healthy Church

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.
—2 Corinthians 6:11-13 ESV

²Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. ³I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. ⁴I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy. —2 Corinthians 7:2-4 ESV

AAA For a Healthy Church:

Appreciate Your Spiritual Leaders

- Paul's Message of Grace
2 Corinthians 6:1-2

- Paul's Ministry with Credibility
2 Corinthians 6:3-10

We have served

- ... with purpose 2 Cor. 6:3
- ... through perils 2 Cor. 6:4
- ... amid persecution 2 Cor. 6:5
- ... with purity 2 Cor. 6:6
- ... demonstrating power 2 Cor. 6:7
- ... in paradox 2 Cor. 6:8-10

"Paul was not begging for praise, but he was reminding his friends in Corinth that his ministry to them had cost him dearly." —Warren Wiersbe

Associate with Fellow Believers
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- A Principle to Govern Our Associations
2 Corinthians 6:14-15

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. —2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God... —1 Thessalonians 1:9 ESV

Warning: "In our desire for doctrinal and personal purity, we must not become so self-centered that we ignore the needy world around us."

—Warren Wiersbe

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"

—Luke 7:34 ESV

There is a difference between

compromise

and

relevance.

- **A Pursuit of** Godly Alliance
2 Corinthians 6:16-17

"God desires for His people are seen in these words. He wants us to share with each other (fellowship) and have in common (communion) the blessings of the Christian life. He wants us to enjoy harmony and agreement as we live and work together." —Warren Wiersbe

- **A Promise for** Grace and Blessing
2 Corinthians 6:18–7:1

Alleviate Conflicts **Through** Care
2 Corinthians 7:2-16

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