

When We Find Victory... What Happens Next

Today's passage concludes Paul's specific encouragement to us to mature in our walk with Jesus together. Today he tells us what great blessings happen when we respond well to God's correction.

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 7:12-16

I. The first great blessing that comes when we rightly respond to God's correction is overcoming sin becomes about preserving _____ rather than finding someone to blame (or make happy). Growing in our relationships with Jesus and fellow believers is shown by our commitment to one another rather than our commitment to keeping _____.

Matthew 18:21-22 21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

✓ When dealing with those who have wronged you, have as your goal that the two of you may renew your relationship in a _____ way.

II. The second great blessing that comes when we rightly respond to God's correction is shared joy in the continued _____ of _____ in our lives. Because Christian maturity means that more and more of our life is about Jesus, growing through correction is truly _____.

Psalms 51:4 Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalms 51:13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

✓ Be ready to rejoice with the Christian who was wrong but who now chooses anew to follow _____.

III. The third great blessing that comes when we rightly respond to God's correction is those we love _____ in us. Sin may cast a long shadow, but _____ obedience shines a light that proves our real _____.

✓ Let the joy of _____ beat gloriously in your heart.

Philippians 2:17-18 17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

Remember this - When we find victory over sin, the joy in our relationship with both God and with people is _____ indeed.

Our challenge: Say _____ to Jesus in whatever direction He is leading so that you too may experience this _____.

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