

2 Corinthians



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Compelling Love

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2 Corinthians 5:11-15

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**Fear – Gk – phobon - to fear,
alarm or fright, to be afraid –**

***Ps.111:10 – the fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom***

***Pr. 1:7 – the fear of the Lord is the
beginning of knowledge***

***The book of Sirach (Jewish book) –
“the fear of the Lord delights
the heart and gives gladness and
joy and long life”***

**1. It is right to have a healthy
fear of the Lord**

**Persuade – peitho - GK - to convince
or conciliate, to assent**

**agree, assure, believe, have
confidence,**

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2 Corinthians 5:12

“There are three qualities a leader must exemplify to build trust: competence, connection, and character.”

**People typically use about 10% of
their potential**

***It's true that charisma can make a
person stand out for a moment,
but character sets a person apart
for a lifetime.***

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Sober minded

Gk - (sophron)

to save the mind

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2 Corinthians 5:14-15

***2. The “one thing” that compels us
is Christ’s love***

1If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

**2If I have the gift of prophecy and
can fathom all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have a faith that
can move mountains, but do not
have love, I am nothing.**

1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

3If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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2 Corinthians 5:15

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

2 Corinthians 5:16

***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***

**3. We become all things new in
Christ**

**Creation – Gk – ktisis –
creation, creature**

18“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.19See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

**Our Spirit is saved, but our soul
must be renewed day by day**

5Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. Colossians 3:5-10

8But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:5-10

Personal growth questions:

What in your life shows that you have a healthy fear of God?

On a scale of 1-10, (10 being best), rate your character. What would take it to the next level?

Is your life more focused on yourself or others?

What change can you make to put more focus on others?