

2 Corinthians



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“Dealing with Deception” –

2 Corinthians 11:1-15

1. Motivated by love and commitment -vs. 1-2

1 I hope you will put up with me in a little foolishness. Yes, please put up with me!

2I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 2 Corinthians 11:2

2. Fear being deceived

3But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 2 Cor. 11:3

4For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. 2 Cor. 11:4

3. Know your Identity – vs. 5-11

5 I do not think I am in the least inferior to those “super-apostles.”^a

6 I may indeed be untrained as a speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way. 2 Cor. 11:5-6

7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so as to serve you. 9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers

who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. [10](#)As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in the regions of Achaia will stop this boasting of mine. [11](#)Why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do! 2 Cor. 11:9-11

4. Expose Deception – vs. 12-15

12 And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about.

**13For such people are false apostles,
deceitful workers, masquerading as
apostles of Christ. 14And no wonder,
for Satan himself masquerades as an
angel of light. 2 Cor. 11:13-14**

15It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

2 Cor. 11:15



Oregon Sweet Cakes

The Oregon Court of Appeals listened to an appeal Thursday, Mar. 2, 2017, in Salem by the lawyer for Melissa and Aaron Klein (shown after the hearing), the Oregon bakers who were fined \$135,000 for refusing to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding in 2013. Randy L. Rasmussen / For The Oregonian / OregonLive





The case is Kennedy v Bremerton School District, 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 16-35801.

How do you deal with personal deception?

1. Know the truth of God's Word
2. Trust the Holy Spirit to show you truth
3. Be completely honest with yourself
4. Join a small group

Application questions:

Who in your life is dealing with deception? What are some steps to help them?

Where in your life do you see some deception? How can you overcome it?