

Sermon Notes | 2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14

- A. Humble Leadership leads to sanctification.
- B. Healthy self-examination leads to sanctification.
- C. A sanctified church leads to happy fellowship.

A. Humble Leadership Leads to Sanctification (2 Corinthians 12:11-18)

¹¹ I have been a **fool**! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was **not** at all **inferior** to these super-apostles, **even though I am nothing**.

¹⁴ Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I **seek not what is yours but you**. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but **parents for their children**. ¹⁵ I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.

B. Healthy Self-examination Leads to Sanctification. (2 Cor. 12:19-13:10)

¹⁹ Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all **for your upbuilding, beloved**. ²⁰ For I fear ...when I come ...there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. ²¹ ...I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

1. Prepare yourselves

¹³ This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ² I warned those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again I will not spare them—³ since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. ⁴ For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God.

2. Examine yourselves

⁵ **Examine yourselves**, to see whether you are **in the faith**. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that **Jesus Christ is in you**?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! ⁶ I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. ... Your **restoration is what we pray** for. ¹⁰ For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me **for building up** and not for tearing down.

Big Idea- God's Grace Leads to a Sanctified Church.

C. A Sanctified Church Leads to Happy Fellowship. (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)

¹¹ Finally, brothers rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Discussion Questions | 2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:11–19

- What does humble leadership look like?
- How does humble leadership inspire us to become more Christ-like?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:20–13:10

- How can you practice self-examination?
- How does knowing that Christ is in you help you change?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11–14

- What does a church with happy fellowship look like?
- How can you work toward being in happy fellowship this month?