

STRENGTH in WEAKNESS

A Life Well Spent

2 Corinthians 12:11-21 (ESV)

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. ¹² The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works. ¹³ For in what were you less favored than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong!

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. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? ¹⁶ But granting that I myself did not burden you, I was crafty, you say, and got the better of you by deceit. ¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you? ¹⁸ I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not act in the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps? 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 that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. ²¹ I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and 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.

The **context**:

Some marks of **a true Apostle**:

_____ in ministry (1 Cor. 9:2; cf. 2 Cor. 3:1–3)

_____ and _____ (Acts 5:12; Romans 15:19; 2 Cor. 12:12)

God-ordained _____ (Col. 1:24; 2 Cor. 4:7-15; 6:3-10; 11:23–33; 12:1-10)

Humble _____ (2 Cor. 1:12; 2:17; 3:4–6; 4:2; 5:11; 6:3–13; 7:2; 10:13–18; 11:6, 23–28)

Unique _____ into divine mysteries (Eph. 3:1–6; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 11:25–32; 2 Cor. 12:1–7).

_____ and _____ (Acts 5:1–11; 1 Cor. 4:18–21; 5:5; 2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10; 1 Tim. 1:20).

Paul's well-spent life (and some lessons for us):

A well-spent life looks to _____, not _____ them.

"I did not seek what is YOURS but you."

What if I began to take a "parent's" approach to others instead of a "child's"?

A well-spent life has a clearly defined sense of its _____ and its _____.

God assigns specific _____ so that we may achieve specific _____.

Where has God placed me?

Who has God put in my life?

How can I show Christ and serve others?

What is worth "spending my life" on?

Have these roles and goals been applied to my plans? My schedule?

"My life in weeks" ...

A well-spent life cares deeply for the _____ and _____ of others.

The aim is _____ others, not _____ them _____.

Do I _____ sin (my own and others')?

Do I _____ enough to _____?

WORSHIP NOTES for KIDS

Today's Date:

TODAYS SERMON:

A Life Well Spent

WHO IS PREACHING?

What is today's Bible Passage?



As Christians, we are called to build up the Church by repenting of our sin and being obedient to God and His word.

- 1. How can you help build up the Church and be obedient to God this week?*

WHAT SONGS DID WE SING TODAY?



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