



14 JUNE 2026 PM  
2 Corinthians 7:10-11  
**TURNING**

= to move around a center pivot; repentance

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**2 Timothy 2:25-26**

## INTRODUCTION

- in the passage I read before the offering, Paul is writing to Timothy and instructing him as a pastor to be gentle and patient with his people...taking the time to teach them the important things about life

in this particular case, the preacher is to instruct his people in the need to repent

**oppose themselves = messed up in life**

- the goal is that maybe God will give them *repentance*

**repentance is a gift**

**2 Peter 3:9**

...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

our prayer tonight should be for God to give us repentance...even if we don't see the need for it, He does

**recover themselves = to be sober again**

## 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

NOTE: it is unfortunate the way this passage was translated...it is difficult to understand:

**verse 8** Paul had written a difficult letter and was concerned that the church at Corinth would be rebellious in the way they received its correction

**repent = to change the mind**

**verse 10** the word *salvation*, as it is used here, does not mean 'saved from sin' or 'to become a Christian'

it is used with the idea of *deliverance*

*worldly sorrow* lulls us into a comfortable place and tells us we are basically good; it does not promote change and growth

or guilt can defeat us so that we never recover

*godly sorrow* (repentance), however, chases us out of our comfort zone and shows us the right attitude to have

### **verse 11**

For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Paul shows us the outcome of repentance done the right way...the characteristics of godly sorrow

*selfsame thing* is the godly sorrow he has been discussing

**carefulness = speed; diligence**

### **2 Corinthians 6:2**

...behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation.

NOTE: in English we have a literary device known as *polysyndeton*...a repletion of conjunctions to slow the reader down so as to focus on individual words

repentance produces the right attitude towards:

## **1. OUR SELF**

yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation...

**clearing = apology**

### **Psalm 50:4**

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
and done this evil in thy sight...

### **Luke 15:21**

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against  
heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be  
called thy son...

**indignation = anger over wrong**

this is the only time this word is used in NT

what injustice might you get indignant over?

### **John 12:5**

Why was not this ointment sold for three  
hundred pence, and given to the poor?

for the church at Corinth, they had the proper  
perspective on their own inability to do right

repentance produces the right attitude towards:

## 2. OUR SAVIOR

yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire...

**fear = respect for biblical authority**

### **Proverbs 1:7**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge...

I just finished a book called *The Missing Messiah...* it deals with having the right perspective of Jesus in our lives

The Jesus most of us worship is the one we have made over in our own image

He doesn't expect too much of us and never interferes with our plans

### **Matthew 17:5**

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

**desire = an intense longing for things to be right**

*vehement* is added as a modifier; this is to indicate this desire is very unusual  
strong, powerful

### **Proverbs 28:13**

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

what is necessary for you to be in right fellowship with God once again?

repentance produces the right attitude towards:

### 3. OUR SIN

yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge!

**zeal = to clean house and advance**

literally, it means *heat*

in many passages, this Greek word is translated as *bitter envying* and is a **negative** idea of wanting to promote self

**1 Corinthians 3:3 James 3:14, 16**

here, Paul used it in a **positive** sense, to show that the church had a desire to make things right and to advance in their walk with God

**Titus 1:5**

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest *set in order* the things that are wanting.

thus, if things are made clean, it will be less likely to happen again or less evident there was a mess in the first place

**revenge = discipline; justice**

the people of Corinth understood that actions have consequences; punishment is deserved

there was no *self-justification* or even *rationalization* among the members

**Hebrews 12:6**

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth...

**verse 11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

# CONCLUSION

In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

**approved = to bind together (to set a bone)**

**clear = clean; pure; chaste**

Is thy heart right with God,  
Washed in the crimson flood,  
Cleansed and made holy,  
    humble and lowly,  
Right in the sight of God?

## **Psalm 86:5**

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive;  
and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call  
upon thee.