

Comparisons in 2 Corinthians

The Letter of Tears?

2 Corinthians 10 - 13

10:2--

I ask that when I am present I [need] not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh.

10:6--

...and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

12:1-5--

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

12:16--

Let it be assumed that I did not burden you. Nevertheless (you say) since I was crafty, I took you in by deceit.

12:17--

Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you?

13:2--

I warned those who sinned previously 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 be lenient—

13:10--

So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

2 Corinthians 1 - 9

8:22--

And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you.

2:9--

For to this end also I wrote, so that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

5:13--

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

4:2--

We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

7:2--

Make room in your hearts for us; we have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one.

1:23--

But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth.

2:3--

And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you.