Bible Alive 365 – Day #339

2 Chorinthians 10-13

2 Corinthians 10:1-18 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: **2** But I beseech *you,* that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. **7** Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's. **8** For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: **9** That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. **10** For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible. **11** Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present. **12** For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. **13** But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. **14** For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure,* as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ: **15** Not boasting of things without *our* measure, *that is,* of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, **16** To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand. **17** But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. **18** For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

2 Corinthians 11:1-33 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me. **2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. **3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him.* **5** For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. **6** But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things. **7** Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? **8** I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them,* to do you service. **9** And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself.* **10** As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. **11** Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. **12** But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion;

that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. **13** For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. **16** I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. **17** That which I speak, I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. **18** Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. **19** For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise. **20** For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour *you,* if a man take *of you,* if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. **21** I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. **22** Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I. **23** Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. **24** Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. **25** Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; **26** *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; **27** In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. **28** Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. **29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? **30** If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. **31** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. **32** In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: **33** And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

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