

“A Change in the Apostle Paul’s Itinerary”

(Sunday Morning September 13th, 2026)

Passage: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

2 Cor 4:2 “(Paul Said) but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, ...” (Emphasis Added)

2 Cor 7:2 “(Paul Said) Make room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.” (Emphasis Added)

2 Cor 10:10 “(Paul Said) For they say (False Teachers), ‘His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible.’” (Emphasis Added)

These “False Apostles” were saying that the fact that Paul did not come as he had promised proves that He is u_____ and s_____.

I. This Change in Paul’s Itinerary Was C_____

1 Cor 8:12 “And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.”

Prov 28:1 “...the righteous are (as) bold as a lion”

Our conscience is a warning system, and if we fail to listen to our conscience, the c_____ are always going to be t_____.

1 Tim 4:2 “(These False Teachers Are)... hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.”

Heb 10:22 “let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

a. First, They Should Have Known That Paul Was Pursuing H_____

b. Second, They Should Have Known That Paul Had Not Been H_____

II. This Change in Paul’s Itinerary Was Eschatological

1 Thes 4:17 “Then WE who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord”

1 Thes 2:19 “For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?”

When you live with our Lord’s return in mind, this causes you to desire to live a morally pure life and a very g_____ and s_____ life.

1 John 3:3 “And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

III. This Change in Paul’s Schedule Was U_____

1 Cor 16:6 “and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.”

1 Cor 4:5 “Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.”

Matt 7:16 “(Jesus Said) You will know them (The False Prophets) by their fruits...”

a. First, I Think Paul Was Stating That His Goal is Always to Keep His Promises, Because This
E _____ our Lord.

James 3:2 “For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.”

b. Second, I Think Paul is Reminding Us of the Fact That the One We Endeavor to Emulate N _____
Has This P _____

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

IV. This Change in Paul's Itinerary Was I _____

John 16:8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment”

Prov 27:6 “Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy”

Heb 12:6 “FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

Paul did not make this next visit, because he was hoping that they would self-correct; and then, he would
Be able to greet them with a j _____ h _____ instead of a whip.

V. This Change in Paul's Itinerary Was R _____

The only reason Paul confronted these false prophets and defended his Apostleship was because he
I _____ these Christians in Corinth too much to let them go.

John 10:12 “He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.”

Jonah 4:9-11 (Turn and Read)

John 10:14-15 “I4 ... and I know My own and My own know Me, I5 ...and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

Heb 12:2 “...for the joy set before Him (Jesus) endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”