

Misunderstandings

2 Corinthians

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We have all heard the saying, “He who fails to plan, plans to fail.”

Here is another important saying, “He who plans may have his plans changed” (Acts 16:6-9)

Theme of 2 Corinthians: A Defense of the Ministry

2 Corinthians 1-7: The Ministry Explained

2 Corinthians 8-9: The Ministry of Giving Encouraged

2 Corinthians 10-13: The Ministry Enforced

1. When There are Misunderstandings Appeal to Your Conscience (2 Cor 1:12-14)

A. Paul did this in Acts 23:1

B. If you live with a clear conscience you will be able to rejoice at the Judgment Seat (2 Cor 1:14)

2. When There are Misunderstandings Point Everyone to Christ (2 Cor 1:15-20)

Paul’s Plan A: Travel from Ephesus to Macedonia to Corinth to Judea (1 Cor 16:5-7)

Paul’s Plan B: Travel from Ephesus to Corinth to Macedonia to Corinth to Judea (2 Cor 1:15-16)

Paul’s Plan C: Travel from Ephesus to Corinth to Ephesus (2 Cor 1:23-2:2) Paul’s Painful Visit

A. Example of God Keeping His Word is Christ (2 Cor 1:18-20)

B. Example of God Keeping His Word is the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 1:21-22)

3. When There are Misunderstandings Deal Firmly but Compassionately (2 Cor 2:1-11)

A. Sins must be dealt with firmly (2 Cor 2:1-6)

1. Individually (2 Cor 2:1-5)

2. Corporately (2 Cor 2:6)

B. When there is repentance there must be forgiveness (2 Cor 2:7-11)