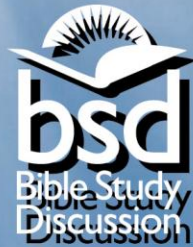


Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 24

2 Corinthians 12:11-21



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Fool (v11)

Perseverance (v12-13)

Love (v14-18)

Strengthening (v19-21)

Fool

**I have made a fool of myself,
but you drove me to it.
I ought to have been
commended by you...**

2 Cor 12:11

We have to have the courage to make fools of ourselves, and at the same time be awfully careful not to make fools of ourselves.



Thomas Merton

Perseverance

Greek: hupomone
enduring, patience, patient
continuance (waiting)

2 Cor 1:6 and 2 Cor 6:4

**Effectiveness is
the proof of reality.**



**William
Barclay**

Love

- **What I want is not your possessions but you**
- **I will very gladly spend for you everything I have**
- **Expend myself as well**
- **If I love you more, will you love me less?**

**The giving which does
not give itself is always
a poor thing.**

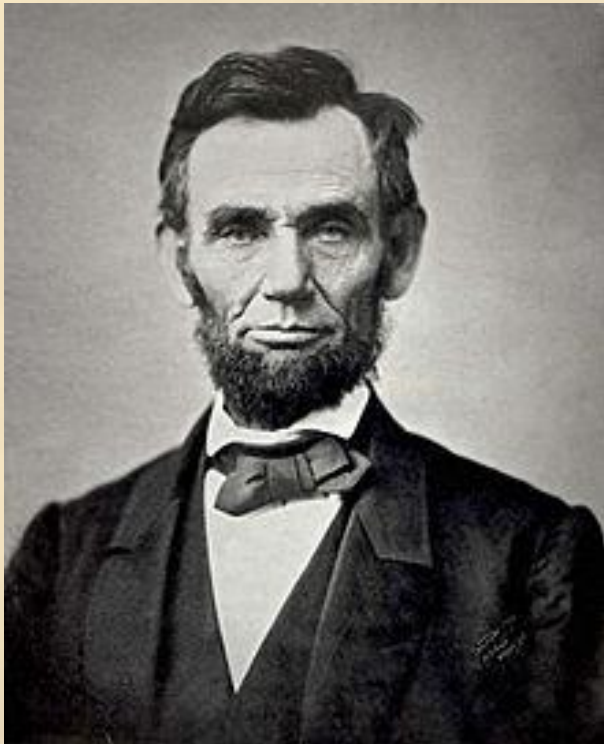


William Barclay

Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, dear friends, is for your strengthening.

2 Cor 12:19

**What I am worried about is,
not if God is on our side,
but if we are on God's side.**



Abraham Lincoln

Strengthening

**Greek: oikodome
*building, edify (edification,
edifying)***

**2 Cor 5:1; 2 Cor 10:8; and
2 Cor 13:10**

2 Corinthians 12:20

Quarreling (eris)

Jealousy (zelos)

Outbursts of anger (thumoi)

Factions (eritheia)

Slander (katalaliai)

Gossip (psithurismoi)

Arrogance (phusioseis)

Disorder (akatastasiai)



FEAR:

Quarreling

Jealousy

Anger

Factions

Slander

Gossip

Arrogance

Disorder

LOVE:

Kind

Does not envy

Not easily angered

Patient; Not self-seeking

Rejoices with the truth

Not rude

Does not boast; Not proud

No record of wrongs

**It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.**

21 I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.

2 Cor 12:21

Galatians 5:19-21

Acts of the sinful nature:

Sexual immorality

Impurity

Debauchery

Idolatry

Witchcraft

Hatred

Discord

Jealousy

Fits of rage

Selfish ambition

Dissensions

Factions

Envy

Drunkenness

Orgies

And the like

But the

fruit of the Spirit

is

love JOY PEACE patience
gentleness KINDNESS
GOODNESS
faithfulness self-control

AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW

Galatians 5:22-23

2 Corinthians 12:21

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Applying the Lesson in Your Life

What are willing to be/to do for Christ this week?

- *Fool*
- *Persevere*
- *Love*
- *Strengthen*

How or what are going to do?

Do it!



Life Lesson: #19

**The past is where you
learned the lesson. The
future is where you apply
the lesson, don't give up in
the middle.**

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