

RESTORATION

Returning to a former condition. Specifically, returning to a healthy relationship with God (Spiritual Restoration) and people (People Restoration).

A Restoration Relationship

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. (Galatians 6:1)

¹So I decided that I would not bring you <u>grief</u> with another <u>painful visit</u>. ² For if I cause you <u>grief</u>, who will make me glad? Certainly not someone I have grieved.

- ³ That is why I wrote to you as I did, so that when I do come, I won't be grieved by the very ones who ought to give me the greatest joy. Surely you all know that my joy comes from your being joyful.
- ⁴I wrote that letter in great anguish, with a troubled heart and many tears. I didn't want to grieve you, but I wanted to let you know how much love I have for you. (DISCIPLINE)

⁵I am not overstating it when I say that the man who caused all the trouble hurt all of you more than he hurt me.

- ⁶ Most of <u>you opposed him</u>, and that was punishment enough.
- Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him.
 Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement.

⁸ So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him.
⁹ I wrote to you as I did to test you and see if you would fully comply with my instructions.

When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit.

11 so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

The ENEMY of Restoring our relationships!

2 Corinthians 7

5 When we arrived in Macedonia, there was no rest for us. We faced conflict from every direction, with battles on the outside and fear on the inside.

2 Corinthians 7

6 But God, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus.

2 Corinthians 7

⁷ His presence was a joy, but so was the <u>news</u> he brought of the encouragement he received from you. When he told us how much you long to see me, and <u>how sorry you are for what happened, and how loyal you are to me, I was filled with joy!</u>

2 Corinthians 7

*I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while. (DISCIPLINE)

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⁹ Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way.

2 Corinthians 7

wants us to experience leads
us away from sin and results
in salvation. There's no regret
for that kind of sorrow. But
worldly sorrow, which lacks
repentance, results in spiritual
death.

2 Corinthians 7

11 Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, such longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong.

You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right. (HEALTH)

2 Corinthians 7

¹² My purpose, then, was not to write about who did the wrong or who was wronged. I wrote to you so that in the sight of God you could see for yourselves how loyal you are to us. ¹³ We have been greatly encouraged by this.



Healthy Relationships Need Biblically Based Morality

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Healthy Relationships Need Biblically Based Morality

Biblical Rejection

- ■Made up Morality
- Negotiate an Agreement
- Bossy Relationship



Healthy Relationships Need Biblically Based Morality

Biblical Revolution

- Pursue God's priorities
- Submit to what God says
- Trust then begins to build



Healthy Relationships Need Biblically Based Discipline

- ☐ Patience VS Nitpickyness
- ☐ Self Control VS Angry Response

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Healthy Relationships Need Biblically Based Repentance

I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. (2 Cor. 7:9)

- Agree with God about your sin
- Godly Sorrow and Gods Grace
- Living the change
- Attitude change about others

Healthy Relationships Need Biblically Based Forgiveness

10b And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit.

Now be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (Eph. 4:32) Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Col. 3:13)



