

The Applied Ethic of Working Together In Christian Community

2nd Corinthians

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Applying The Ethic of Jesus Christ (Comfort and Compassion)					The Responsibilities of Christian Leadership			The Responsibilities of the Apostles and Paul					
The context produces Comfort and Compassion		The renewal experience through the ministry of the spirit of freedom			Christian Leadership: relations and responsibilities			The War against worldliness		The impending Corinthian council to solve problems.			
Comfort and Compassion <u>in</u> <u>the Lord</u>	The Aroma of Christ	Punish- ment And reward	Applying the context of Christ against hopeless- ness	The veil of the Law removed by Christian freedom, the light of the Gospel, and the power of God.	Relation- ship to the un- Awakened (unbelievers)	Relation- ship to Apos- tles	Finan- cial sup- port for a larger cause	Paul's defends his ministry	BLANK	Against a different gospel	Paul's creden- tials to judge the Cor. Ch.	Plan for the con- fer- ence	Guide- lines to win the Peace of God
Resur- rection	Obed- ience	Surrender	The Awakened life	Living with our feet under God's Table	We ARE the Temple of God	Godly Sorrow Worldly Sorrow	Poor in Christ to be rich in Christ	Christ is the context of our authority		Weak surrender is the problem	It's alright to be weak for Christ's sake	The Test: Liv- ing sur- ren- dered	The Truth: the hu- mane life
1:1 to 2:4	2:5 to 2:17	3:1 to 3:18	4:1 to 4:18	5:1 to 6:13	6:14 to 7:1	7:2 to 7:16	8:1 to 9:15	10:1 - 10:18	11: 1 to	11: 21	11:22 12:21	13:11 - 13:14	
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The process we are using to study all of the following letters of Paul is called "Identifying the Deep Problem." For some familiar with this process is has been called "Identifying the Underlying Contradiction." Unless this process is applied to Paul, then many of his solutions become proscriptions that, today, appear sexist and irrelevant. At their worst the solutions fall into moralism. Gut Trip Analysis maintains that the Bible is not a moral statement. Rather, the Bible is an "Indicative statement," one that addresses "objective facts." Indicative statements **indicate**, or point to, "Just the facts, please."

The problem and solution--

As we begin this study it is helpful to note that each of the issues Paul addresses in all of his letters are distinct problems clearly associated with a particular city, parish, or circuit of churches. Consequently, to assume that his advice is to be taken universally misjudges Paul's intentions. The particular problem, or irritant, is clear. But Paul's solution is based on identifying the Deep Problem to which the solution is to be applied. It is this Deep Problem that offers us the universal nature of his solution.

What is preventing the solution to the problem? This is called the Deep Problem--After working this format a few time, Paul's letters become puzzles to be solved. Two of the three parts are present: the problem and a solution. The third part is identifying *out of our own human experience*, the deeper problem that is preventing the solution.

The Deep Problem is never our situation! Our situations are only The Way Life Is (TWLI). Our Deep Problems are always factors over which we have control. For instance, is the lack of money the problem we have when paying our bills? No! The lack of money is just TWLI! The identification of what is preventing us from not having enough money is the deeper problem to be solved. The solution then becomes self-evident; spend less, earn more. Paul's solutions have this characteristic. It is not because we are bad that we are immoral, our deep problem lies in our relationship to God! And there you have it. WES