

2 CORINTHIANS | THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, WARN YOU

2 CORINTHIANS 12:11-13:4

"If he loves you, he will support your decisions." "If she loves you, she will agree with you." "If he is not supportive of your choices, you don't need him in your life. He just wants to tell you what to do." Statements like these are echoed by our culture as we are directed by those who have no godly wisdom or herded by those who want us to adopt their agenda. The reality is that if someone warns you, you should listen, examine it according to the facts, and God's Word and then act accordingly. The Corinthians were being manipulated, and Paul was warning them. It was time for them to examine Paul's words and then examine those who oppose him. Later, Paul would challenge them to examine themselves. How are we to navigate through competing voices that provide guidance or warnings?

1. We need to remember that we find truth through the _____ and _____.
2. We must not allow outside voices to _____ us but instead focus on the _____.
3. We must know God's servants serve out of their _____ for His people and are not afraid to _____ them of their concerns.
4. We must not _____ Christ for _____ and understand He will use His servants to _____ His church.