

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 16 (April 19 - 23)

("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context (Paul's third missionary trip).

56 AD Paul writes II Corinthians from Philippi, which is in Macedonia.

Day	Reading	Clarification from the Greek (the original language)
Mon.	II Corinthians 7 (:10)	Godly = We looked at this word in Week 1, Acts 3. It means "reverence for all of life" ... including God. It is a care-filled attitude towards others and all of life that is not motivated by fear; nor does it disappear with the appearance of an opportunity to trample upon other forms of life because of one's position or power. Translating this word as "godly" narrowly limits it's focus: and begins to excuse stepping on the flowers and one another. Reverence for all of life is in our created mandate found in Genesis, and runs throughout the Law and Prophets: and is core to the love of the New Testament church. <u>However</u> , in does not say "godly grief." It reads "for according to God, grief ...".
Tues.	II Corinthians 8 (:2)	Generosity = "together" + fold" = "singleness / simplicity / sincerity" – as opposed to duplicitous. "[It] indicates the true open-heartedness and generosity towards others in which there is no duplicity of motive" (<i>The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the New Testament</i>).
Wed.	II Corinthians 9 (:7)	Cheerful = "Happy, celebrative excitement" / Joyful / Glad." It is the Greek root from which we get the word "hilarity."
Thurs.	II Corinthians 10 (:7)	Belong = literally "of Christ to be."
Fri.	II Corinthians 11 (:13)	Disguise = "to change the form of, transform, change. From Aristotle forward, the word means not assume the form of something, and to identify oneself essentially with someone else. This includes the actions underneath the form – as when an actor plays the role, and not simply looks the part. It is the Greek word from which we get "metastasize" which we use for cancer. In the same way, without observing the damage being done to the body, a cancer cell can look like a lot like an ordinary healthy cell.

Sources: www.thebiblejourney.org; [The Interlinear NIV](#); [Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#), Vols. 1-3; [The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#); [The Interlinear NIV](#); www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/understanding/what-is-cancer.

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