

16  **2 Corinthians Lesson 46**

Chapter 12:6-10

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6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

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Verse 6:

6 For though I would desire to glory, (Ga 5:26)

I shall not be a fool; (2 Co 5:13, 10:8)

for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, (*stop or cease* 1 Ki 22:6)

lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me. (1 Co 4:6)

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Verse 7:

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure (2 Th 2:4, Php 2:9)

through the abundance of the revelations, (*verse 1*)

there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, (2 Co 10:10, Nu 33:55, Jos 23:13, Eze 28:24, Ho 2:6, Ga 4:13, 6:11, 2 Ti 4:11, Co 4:14, Ro 16:22)

the messenger of Satan ( Job 2:6-7)

to buffet me, (FM: Mat 26:67, 1 Co 4:11, 1 Pe 2:20)

lest I should be exalted above measure.

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Verse 8:

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. (Thrice = Three times. *Last mention here.*)

- Israel were to keep the feast three times per year: Ex 23:14
- The Lord called Samuel three times: 1 Sa 3:8
- The Lord prayed in the Garden three times about the cup: Matt 26:44
- The Lord asked Peter if he loved him three times: Jn 21 17
- Peter Denied the Lord three times: Mt 26:75
- Pilate gave Israel three opportunities to change their minds: Lk 23:22
- Peter shown three times that the Gentiles were accepted: Ac 11:10
- Paul came to Corinth three times: 2 Co 13:1

Why three in the Bible? *Twice is not enough. More than three is excess.* 2 Ki 13:19 Oftentimes Job 33:29. See Margin).

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Verse 9:

9 And he said unto me,

My grace is sufficient for thee: ( 2 Co 9:8, Eph 3:20)

for my strength is made perfect in weakness. (Php 4:13)

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,  
that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (1 Co 2:5)

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Verse 10:

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, (2 Co 11:30)

in reproaches, (2 Co 11:21)

in necessities, (2 Co 6:4)

in persecutions, (Ac 13:50)

in distresses for Christ's sake: (Ro 8:35)

for when I am weak, then am I strong. (1 Co 4:10, 2 Co 13:9, Heb 11:34)