

Text: **2 Corinthians 7:1-12**

Title: **"GODLY SORROW"**

(I) APPRECIATING THE MINISTRY GOD HAS GIVEN TO US

- 1. Glorious ministry of the Spirit**
- 2. Sacred Ministry of the New Covenant**
- 3. God's involvement in ministry (Co-worker with us) (2 Corinthians 6:1)**

(II) GUARDING THE MINISTRY GOD HAS GIVEN TO US

- 1. From sin (2 Corinthians 7:1)**
- 2. From erring people who can hurt the ministry badly**

(III) DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO SIN AGAINST THE LORD

- 1. Holiness must be borne in mind**

"Perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord" 2 Corinthians 7:1

- 2. Boldness of heart and speech (2 Corinthians 7:4)**

- 3. Reprimanding sinners**

"Even though I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it" 2 Corinthians 7:8

(IV) UNDERSTANDING THE DOCTRINE OF "GODLY SORROW"

- 1. Nature of godly sorrow**

"It produces repentance leading to salvation" 2 Corinthians 7:10a

- 2. Contrast: worldly sorrow**

"The sorrow of the world produces death" 2 Corinthians 7:10b

3. Characteristics of true "godly sorrow"

- a) Diligence produced
- b) Clearing of yourselves
- c) Indignation
- d) Fear
- e) Vehement desire
- f) Zeal
- g) Vindication

4. The same spirit of faith must evidence itself

- a) In humility
- b) In honesty
- c) In holiness