



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 2nd Corinthians 12v11-21

Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !

- v 11 Why does Paul say he had become foolish ? (cf 1Cor9v2 the **ONLY** proof Paul needed that he was a real apostle [missionary])
- v 12 This verse is often used to say apostles [missionaries] must perform miracles. If translated correctly, it says just the opposite ! The word "by" is not in the Greek. (cf GNT-WH) Rather, the word "in addition" (τε) IS in the Greek. Paul **NOT ONLY** had the seal of apostleship (1Cor9v2) but, **IN ADDITION** he had the gifts of signs, wonders and miracles. How does this make **MORE** sense in Paul's argument (v11) that he was not inferior to even the most well known apostles (Peter, James & John, for example) ?
- vs 13-16 The word "burden" is used three times in these verses. To whom did Paul not want to be a financial burden ?
- vs 17-18 The verb "take advantage" is used two times in these verses. When did those Paul sent "take advantage" of their position and demand to be paid ?
- vs 19-21 What was the reason Paul wrote all that he did to the Corinthians ? What should be the **ONLY** reason we might have to defend ourselves this week ?