

## ***Study Hints for Thinking Further***

### ***International Bible Lessons***

**2 Corinthians 1:21-2:11**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

### **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. What are some of the reasons that Paul gave the Corinthian Christians for not going again to Corinth as he had planned?**

1. To spare them a painful visit.
2. So he might not suffer more pain from them.

**2. What are some of the reasons that Paul gave for having written to them?**

1. He wrote so if or when he came to them again they could have joy together.
2. He wrote to express his anguish of heart over them.
3. He wrote to tell them of his abundant love for them.
4. He wrote to test them: to see if they would obey Christ in everything rather than obey only some of Christ’s commands.

**3. Why do you think Paul wrote to them and gave them reasons for the choices he had made?**

1. To let them know that he had not come for their benefit.
2. To let them know that he was not fickle, or vacillating, or making decisions according to ordinary standards. (See also 2 Corinthians 1:12-22)

**4. What are some of the dangers of allowing a person to “lord it over your faith”?**

1. If they “lord it over your faith,” then you are not letting Jesus Christ be the Lord over your faith.
2. You might be misled away from a true, Biblical, faith in Jesus Christ into a false system of belief, or into a cult, or into a false religion.
3. You might be outwitted by Satan and his schemes.

**5. What should a Christian church or a Christian do when someone tearfully or sorrowfully repents and returns to obeying Jesus Christ as Lord of their life?**

1. Forgive them.
2. Console them.
3. Reaffirm your love for them.
4. Reaffirm the love of God in Christ for them and God's forgiveness.
5. Watch out so Satan does not outwit them or you.

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