

HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE

2 CORINTHIANS 2:1-4

(2 Corinthians 2:1)

**But I determined this
with myself, that I
would not come again
to you in heaviness.**

(2 Corinthians 2:2)

**For if I make you
sorry, who is he then
that maketh me glad,
but the same which is
made sorry by me?**

(2 Corinthians 2:3) And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

Two opinions: 1) This refers to a harsh letter Paul had written between 1 and 2 Corinthians.

2) This refers to 1 Corinthians.

(2 Corinthians 2:3) And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

(2 Corinthians 2:4) For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

Paul did not enjoy reprimanding his friends and fellow believers, but he cared enough about the Corinthians to confront them with their wrongdoing. Prov. 27:6 says: "Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy." Sometimes our friends make choices that we know are wrong. If we ignore their behavior and let them continue in it, we won't be showing love to them.

We show love by honestly sharing our concerns in order to help these friends be their very best for God. When we don't make any move to help, we show that we are more concerned about being well liked than about what will happen to them. (LASB)

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1. Be Honest With Friends and Family.
2. Don't Be Mean to Friends and Family.