SATAN'S SCHEMES

2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11

(2 Corinthians 2:11) Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

I. Too Much Punishment.

(2 Corinthians 2:5) But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.

"But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but to some extent all of you, not to put it too severely." (MEV)

Who is this man? He is probably the same one that Paul told the Corinthian Christians to confront in 1 Corinthians 5. The phrase such a man is the same phrase used in both books to describe the man sinning in an incestuous affair. He was living immorally with his stepmother. (Guzik)

(2 Corinthians 2:6) Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

(1 Corinthians 5:1-2) It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. (2) And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

(1 Corinthians 5:5) To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

I. Too Much Punishment.

II. Too Much Sorrow

(2 Corinthians 2:7) So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

(2 Corinthians 7:10) For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

(2 Corinthians 2:8) Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

confirm = reaffirm.

"Wherefore I exhort you that love may have strength over him." (Tyndale)

I. Too Much Punishment.

II. Too Much Sorrow

III. Not Enough Obedience

(2 Corinthians 2:9) For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

(2 Corinthians 2:10) To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave lit in the person of Christ;

(2 Corinthians 2:10) When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit, (NLT)

(2 Corinthians 2:11) Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

One of Satan's chief devices is unforgiveness.

PAUL'S VICTORIOUS JOURNEY

2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-17

(2 Corinthians 2:12) Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

(2 Corinthians 2:13) had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

Titus was a Greek convert whom Paul greatly loved and trusted...He was one of the men responsible for collecting the money for the poverty-stricken Jerusalem church (2Co_8:6)... On his way to Macedonia, Paul was supposed to meet Titus in Troas.

When Paul didn't find him there, he was worried for Titus's safety and left Troas to search for him in Macedonia. There Paul found him (2Co₇:6), and the good news that Paul received (2Co_7:8-16) led to this letter. Paul would send Titus back to Corinth with this letter (2Co 8:16-17). (LASB)

(2 Corinthians 2:14) Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

(2 Corinthians 2:15) For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

(2 Corinthians 2:16) To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

(2 Corinthians 2:17) For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

(2 Corinthians 2:14) Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.