

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Defeat Discouragement With Motivation

The verse 2 Corinthians 4:16 speaks volumes about the resilience and renewal of the human spirit. It reminds us that even amid physical struggles, emotional turmoil, or life’s challenges, we can find hope and renewal within ourselves. The phrase “we do not lose heart” serves as an encouragement. It calls on us to remain steadfast and look beyond our current situations. The outer body may face aging, sickness, and other difficulties, but there is an inner strength that grows as we nurture our faith. This verse is a beautiful reminder that our true identity transcends our physical existence; we are much more than our outer shells.

In this context, the phrase “inwardly we are being renewed day by day” suggests a continuous process. It’s not just a one-time event, but rather an ongoing journey of spiritual growth and renewal. God’s spirit works within us constantly, reshaping and transforming our hearts and minds to reflect His love and grace. As we engage with spiritual practices, such as prayer, reading the Bible, and fellowship with others in our Christian community, we cultivate this inward renewal. Our relationship with God is a journey, and every step we take can lead us closer to His purpose for our lives.

Looking deeper into this verse, we see that Paul, the writer of Corinthians, had experienced significant suffering. He faced persecutions, hardships, and enduring struggles for the sake of spreading the gospel. Through all of this, he had a profound understanding that these issues were temporary. This acknowledgment gives us insight into the need for a perspective shift, particularly when tough times arise in our lives.

Paul’s message here is universal; we all experience moments when we feel disheartened, overwhelmed, or defeated. During such times, we may focus solely on our external circumstances. However, Paul encourages us to remember that our worth is not dependent on our circumstances. The great news is that God is committed to working within us, renewing our minds and spirits day by day. This renewal can result in peace, joy, and hope, regardless of what’s happening around us.

Resource: Scriptruesavvy.com

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Steve Able | Fellowship of Christian Athletes



PRAISE

- Praise God that our church youth group continues to grow! I was recently elected to the board of our church, and will be preaching 2 Sundays this month. We also recently celebrated our graduates, one of whom is Alayna, an athlete graduating from Edison, headed to University of Miami Ohio.
- Praise God for a friend selling his Honda CRV and for Pastor Anthony helping fix the card to pass inspection.

PRAY

- Pray for the upcoming FCA camp at Liberty University. Around 1,400 students are registered.
- Pray for the Ridinger family. Heather’s cousin, Debbie, a wife, and mom of 4, passed away in May. Heather went down to Texas for the Memorial service and funeral.
- Pray for multiple illnesses throughout Steve’s extended family. Pray for the caregivers and doctors.

KEY VERSE

II Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

Read II Corinthians 4:1-18 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: II Cor. 3:18,4:1a-b,4:16; Mark 16:15; 1 Pet. 4:10-11b

Motivator: Glorious Ministry

1. What is the message being given to us in II Corinthians 4:16? How would YOU explain this verse to a new believer?
2. I Peter 4:10-11b informs us of the “*gift*” we have received from our Father, and that *we are to use it to “minister to one another.”* What is yours?

Tuesday: II Corinthians 4:5,12,15; Matthew 20:26; Phil. 2:5,7

Motivator: Serving People

3. What should we be learning from Philippians 2:5 and 7? *Who* took “*the form of a bondservant*” according to verse 7?
4. If we are to be “great” in the eyes of God and His kingdom *what* must we “be” according to Matthew 20:26?

Wednesday: II Cor. 4:8-10; Phil. 1:29; Matt. 26:39, Gal. 2:20

Motivator: Christlike Suffering

5. Why should II Corinthians 4:8-9 be an inspiration to us as followers of Christ? Though “*we are hard-pressed on every side,*” will we be crushed?
6. What are we being called to do according to Philippians 1:29? Why will we be called to suffer as believers?

Thursday: I Cor.15:57-58; II Cor. 4:13-14; Psalm 116:10

Motivator: Confident Faith

7. What is II Corinthians 4:13 and Psalm 116:10 conveying to us about our faith and our witness? How should we approach sharing our faith?
8. Why is II Corinthians 4:14 a powerful tool for sharing the gospel with others? What does this verse refer to and why is it so important to share?
9. I Corinthians 15:58 calls us to be “*steadfast*” and “*immovable*” in our faith, and “*always abounding in the work of the Lord.*” Are YOU?

Friday: II Corinthians 4:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Psalm 122:1

Motivator: Spiritual Renewal

10. In Matthew 4:4 lies the Scripture “*man shall not live by bread alone.*” What *do* we live by according to the rest of the verse?
11. Despite our “*light affliction*” and the challenges we’ll face in this life, as believers, what do we *know* lies ahead for us? (II Corinthians 4:17)
12. Reflecting again on II Corinthians 4:16, how do YOU go about achieving “spiritual renewal” in your daily routine?