

## Questions on 2 Corinthians chapter 12

1. If Paul's glorying was not expedient (spiritually helpful), why did he do it? What is the difference in visions and revelations? Verse 1.

2. Can we tell who the man in Christ was? What do you think is meant by "the third heaven"? Verse 2.

3. Do you think Paul is repeating himself for emphasis or is describing a second event, indicated by the plural "visions" and "revelations"? Verse 3.

4. Can an argument be made that the "third heaven" and "paradise" are NOT the same place? Why didn't Paul tell what he heard? Verse 4.

5. Although Paul would not glory in on his own behalf, on whose behalf would he glory? Verse 5.

6. If Paul desired to glory, it would be the truth, but why refrain from doing so? Verse 6.

7. What was given Paul to prevent pride or exaltation on his part the cause of the greatness of the revelations? What is significant about the terms used to describe it? Verse 7.

8. The New Testament does not tell us what it was, but what are some of the explanations? What is your studied idea about what it was? Verse 7.

9. For what thing and how many times did Paul pray to God? Verse 8.

10. How did God answer Paul's prayer, as he so often answers such prayers? Verse 9.

11. What was Paul's reaction to God's answer to his prayer? Verses 9-10.

12. What is the paradox in this verse? Verse 10.

13. How did the Corinthians compel Paul to “become a fool in glorying” when they should have commended him? Although Paul’s enemies rated him as “nothing,” how did he measure up against the “chiefest apostles”? Verse 11.

14. What proved Paul’s apostleship beyond any doubt? Would Paul have dared to mention the “signs” if they have not been genuine? Verse 12.

15. What would have caused Corinth to be equal to the other churches? What is Paul’s ironic statement? Verse 13.

16. As Paul prepares to make a third visit, what is it he wants from Corinth? Verse 14.

17. What reason did Paul give for not wanting support or money from Corinth? Verse 14.

18. What should not have caused the Corinthians to love him less? Verse 15.

19. What insinuation of Paul's enemies is he replying to here? Verse 16.

20. What is the nature of the "guile" Paul was accused of as indicated by this verse? Verse 17.

21. How did Paul anticipate and negate the suspicions of his enemies with regard to the collection or the saints? Verse 18.

22. Why it was the motive for Paul's speaking as he did? Verse 19.

23. What did Paul not want to find when he came to Corinth? Verse 20.

24. What would cause Paul to mourn and be humbled when he came to Corinth? Verse 21.