

Comprehensive Exegesis of II Corinthians 1:12-14 (Godly Eternal Focusing)

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Godly Eternal Focusing is the pronounce context of II Corinthians 1:12-14, which state, “For our glorying is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you; for no other things do we write to you, but what you either read or acknowledge, and I hope also unto the end you will acknowledge; according as also you acknowledged us in part, that your glory we are, even as also you {are} ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.” Numerous of God’s people view life chiefly in earthly focusing yet they construe that they are walking in the Spirit. Many resonate in an “Earthly Christianity” environ yet they are oblivious to their “Son positioning in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Such prioritize the earthly sphere yet they are blind to the Heavens’ sphere. In this mindset, physicality resounds in preference to spirituality.

This trending inflicts striking insults on “spiritual affections” (Colossians 3:13). God must not be mingled in the landscapes of earthly involvements; because He excels beyond all mundane associations. The chief rebuke of these deceptions echoes in the unscriptural depictions of God’s blessings evolving in secularity/physicality trappings. God’s people’s lives aren’t permanently situated in the physical/earthly temporariness of time but in the spiritual/Heavens’ endless scenery of Eternality. Those that are unenlightened of this comprehension view their course in life as wanderers seeking settlement in endurance. The scripturally enlightened comprehend that God’s ultimate blessings aren’t evidenced in the physical sphere of time because we are (were) spiritually blessed in Christ, before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-4). This factual reality exhibit the diverseness of faltering in the detrimental variances of time and flourishing in the determinate victory of eternity.

This knowledge inspires the essence of confidence rather than incites the encounters of conflicts in the testimonies of God’s people. The prevailing teachings of orthodoxy are expressed in the assertion that “God wants to bless your life” (predominately physically). This translates to the recipient’s participation in some manner of in which such ones can persuade God to oblige them. The converse circumstance imbues the goal to dissuade “God from cursing your life,” and in this mindset, the trials of life are viewed as threats to ones “safekeeping.” Thus, these tribulations encountered in and of them are obscure in focusing on what their participants are experiencing or expected to produce rather than their testimony of God’s purpose for them. These perceptions or misperceptions in the absence of scriptural enlightenments are viewed in misrepresentations of their earthly vantage point assaults rather than the Heavens’ revelations assemblies, to the praise and glory of God’s Grace!

II Corinthians 1:12 states, “for our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, and not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.” In this verse, it is evident that the object of any *καύχησις* (**kahf-khee-sees**) rendered “boasting,” bragging or vaulting is authentically instituted in *τὸ μαρτύριον τῆς συνειδήσεως ἡμῶν* (**to mahr-tee-ree-on tees seen-ee-thee-seh-os ee-mon**) rendered “the testimony of our (ones) conscience. The word *συνειδήσεως* (**seen-ee-thee-seh-os**) is literally rendered “the sense together” or “uniting the mind” Such solely should be focused *ὅτι ἐν ἀπλότητι καὶ εἰλικρινείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ* (**ot-ee ehn ahp-lot-ee-tee keh ee-leek-ree-nee-ah too Theh-oo**) rendered “that is singleness and sincerity of God.” This is further certified in the respective succeeding phrases: *καὶ οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ σαρκικῇ* (**keh ook ehn soph-ee-ah sahr-kee-kee**) rendered “and not in fleshly wisdom” and *ἀλλ’ ἐν χάριτι θεοῦ* (**ahll ehn kahr-ee-tee Theh-oo**) rendered “but in the grace of God.”

The concluding phrase is *ἀνεστράφημεν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ* (**ahn-ehs-trahph-ee-mehn ehn to kos-mo**) rendered “we have conducted ourselves in the world,” which confirms what should simultaneously constitute and repudiate informed views of what existential both is and is not. Hence, what is most reliable establishes what indeed imbues what is of greatest integrity, i.e., the wisdom of God, in stark contrast to the wisdom of the cosmos (I Corinthians 1:20; 3:19). The essence of life is codified in the Eternal Decree (Saying) of God rather than what is merely viewed in the diverse manifestations of such. Eternal comprehensions exude genuine realization that things aren’t what they seem to be, as the conventions governing what avail “reality” are constantly bent and even altered at times. Humanly inspired ideas of reality exhibitions are as unstable as the concepts of rubber bands purporting to sustain it. Such skewed cogitations owe their origination to flawed conceptual teachings that salvation is actualized through the inputs and efforts of human experiences.

Of course this is the product of human attachments to the illusions of “free will,” including the initiatives of humanly dimensioned “freedom.” These are the imports espousing erroneous aphorisms, i.e., “I can only show you the door, you must walk through,” and “when the time comes, it is entirely left up to you whether you will dodge the bullet.” And then there are the conceptions of how “reality” is averred in daily jargons; that realism is “actually elastic” when in fact, such are downright illusory except from the insightful facts revealed in the Grace Scriptures! This one Truth ought to clear up much of the confusion and answer many questions in the lives of God’s people. Many cry, pray and beg God for blessings but the zenith of them is what He promised and already established in Christ. When things don’t occur according to earthly expectations God’s people wonder why. The answer is: ALL is according to God’s Will in Eternality rather than what is envisioned in earthly agendas. Aligning or uniting the conscience or sense to belong in singleness of sincerity (devotion) to (of) God encompasses, NOT our lives separately but entirely IN CHRIST! This is genuinely what “picking up ones Cross” articulates!