

SYNC: The Pastor's Heart

(II Corinthians 7:1-11)

Introduction

- A) The relationship between a pastor and his people is a unique relationship. It can be the sources of some of the sweetest/most joyful times. On the other hand, that relationship can be the sources of some of the greatest heartaches of life. The previous statement is true in the pastor-to-people relationship AND the people-to- pastor relationship.
- B) Get a bunch of railroaders together and you will hear them rail about management. Get a bunch of businessmen together and you will hear them complain about the economy or government regulation, BUT get a bunch of pastors together and you will hear the agony of a broken-heart.
- C) Contextualize 2 Corinthians 7
Paul is nursing a broken heart, not because of the opposition from without, but because of the internal strife that existed in Corinth.
- D) What is a shepherd's heart (2 Corinthians 7:1-3)? A shepherd's heart is a divine burden for a group of God's people that results in a man investing his life in that group of people for their spiritual good.

I. The Pastor's Joy (7:4)

Principle: *A pastor's hope for his people causes him to rejoice in their spiritual progress and victories.*

- A) Confidence in potential (7:4a)**
- B) Pride from obedience (7:4b)**
- C) Encouraged by growth (7:4c)**

D) Joy from service (7:4d, 7:13-16)

II. The Pastor's Agony

Principle: *A pastor's love for his people causes him to agonize when they fail to walk in obedience to God.*

A) External pressure (7:5a) (6:4-5)

B) Internal heart ache (7:5b) (11:24-28, note 7:28)

C) Disobedience of church (7:6)

D) Difficult Corrections (7:8)

III. The Pastor's Goal (7:8-11)

Principle: *A pastor's commitment to God causes him to seek genuine spiritual repentance in his people.*

A) Confrontation (7:8)

B) Grief (7:8-9)

C) Repentance (7:9-10)

D) Forgiveness (2:11)

Conclusion