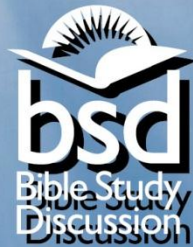


Rebuilding *for* God's People

*A Study of Nehemiah
and 2 Corinthians*



Lesson 18





Happy Valentine's Day

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Chapter 7

Paul shares his joy about the Corinthians' repentance, spiritual growth, and their restored relationship.

Their growth has resulted from Paul's influence.





INFLUENCE:

**The capacity to have an effect on
the character, development,
or behavior of someone or something**

Ingredients of **Influence** in Paul's Ministry:

CREDIBILITY which produced listening ears

CARE which softened hearts

TRUTH which motivated repentance and growth

ENCOURAGEMENT which developed binding fellowship



Influence Ingredient #1

CREDIBILITY which produced listening ears.

Paul's transformation was radical, compelling and credible.

From SINNER ➡ REPENTER ➡ STUDENT ➡ LEADER





Sign of Credibility.....Self-denial and service to others thru Christ

*“Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.
For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for me will find it.”*

Matthew 16:24-25

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

John Maxwell, International Christian Coach & Best-Selling Author on Leadership



Influence Ingredient #2

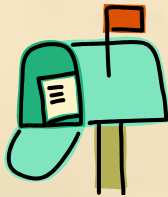
CARE which softened hearts.

Paul's continuing commitment through his visits and letters.

Timothy
is sent



First Letter
is sent



Paul makes
"painful visit"



Titus delivers
the "severe letter"



Paul hears good
report from Titus



Second Letter
is sent



Signs of Care.....Quality Time Given

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honor one another above yourselves.”*

Romans 12:10

**“People do not care how much you know
until
they know how much you care.”**

John Maxwell



Influence Ingredient #3

TRUTH which motivated repentance and spiritual growth.

Paul spoke truthfully and yet without condemnation



Signs of Truth..... Biblically-based & A Humble Attitude

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

“How much more helpful it would have been if they could have affirmed
that God is at work in all things....”

From Sitting Strong, by Jeanie Miley



Influence Ingredient #4

ENCOURAGEMENT which developed binding fellowship



You have such a place in our hearts.

We would live or die with you.

I have great confidence in you.

I take great pride in you.

At every point you have proved yourselves.

I have complete confidence in you.

Signs of Encouragement:

Sincere

Honest

Meaningful

Specific



Applying the Lesson in Your Life

- **Write a note of appreciation to someone who has been a positive influence in your life.**
- **Take action steps this week to become a positive influence in someone else's life, through the power of Christ.**

