



Real Life Ministry ~ 2 Corinthians 11:1-15
July 19, 2026

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Questions for the Community

What does the Bible say? (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. Read vss. 1-3. What concern does Paul have for this church he planted?
2. Read vs. 4. Name the 3 “differents” that Paul warns them about?
3. In vss. 5-6, what does Paul say about his own speech and knowledge? What comparison is he making?
4. Vss. 7-12 describe how Paul served the Corinthians without burdening them. What is he talking about? Why is this about more than money?

What does it mean? (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

5. Paul compare spiritual deception to Eve being deceived by the serpent. What does it mean to be led away from “a sincere and pure devotion to Christ”?
6. Why is it so dangerous to accept “another Jesus,” “a different spirit,” or “a different gospel”? How do you know if you are in danger of this?
7. Why can smooth, confident, or impressive speech be misleading? Is this happening today? How?
8. How do a person’s actions and fruit help us discern whether their ministry is trustworthy?

What do I do? (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

9. Where do you most need discernment right now: truth, speech, actions, or digital influence?
10. What teaching, voice, or assumption in your life needs to be tested more carefully against Scripture?
11. Who are you allowing to shape your view of Jesus, the gospel, marriage, parenting, money, or ministry?
12. How can you practice “checking the fruit” before receiving someone’s teaching or advice?
13. What is one step you can take this week to continue in what you have learned and firmly believed?