

23 But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth.

The reason Paul had not yet gone to Corinth was t ___ s _____ t _____

24 Not that we lord it over your faith but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith, you are standing firm.

Why would a delay be wise?

Delay would give them time to g _____ and c _____ their m _____.

His delay is very G _____.

So it must be in order to please God. W _____ f _____ it is i _____

2:1 (NKJV) ¹ But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.

Paul Had m _____ up his m _____ that he would postpone his visit until it could be made under happier circumstances.

2 For if I cause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

The b _____ over the n _____ of o _____ develops our hunger of heart to be a "vessel unto honor"

3 This is the very thing I wrote you, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having confidence in you all that my joy would be the joy of you all.

IRONSIDE: In other words, he said, I had this confidence that if once these evil things were really brought to your attention, your Christian conscience would make you see the importance of dealing with them, you would n _____ g _____ o _____ t _____ the w _____.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not so that you would be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

F _____ and c _____ though they were, yet he l _____ them with a tender affection.

L _____ lies as the r _____ -b _____ f _____ of everything.