



Open Up
Your Bible

2 Corinthians 7:8-13

There are many shattered relationships today — in homes, churches, and ministries — and they can be repaired and strengthened only when people face problems honestly, deal with them biblically and lovingly, and seek to get right with God.

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary

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Diligence

Thayer's Greek
Definitions

1) haste, with haste

2) earnestness, diligence

2a) earnestness in accomplishing, promoting, or striving
after anything

2b) to give all diligence, interest one's self most earnestly

When people are thoroughly convinced of sin, they will set about removing it with the utmost diligence. They will feel that this can be done, and must be done.

Albert Barnes, Albert Barnes' Notes On The Bible

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Clearing Of Yourself

Thayer's Greek
Definitions

- 1) verbal defence, speech in defence
- 2) a reasoned statement or argument

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Peter 3:15

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Indignation

Thayer's Greek Definitions

1) indignation, irritation, vexation

New Oxford American Dictionary (Second Edition)

anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment

One effect of true repentance is to produce decided hatred of sin. It is not mere regret, or sorrow, it is positive hatred. There is a deep indignation against it as an evil and a bitter thing.

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Fear

Thayer's Greek
Definitions

1) fear, dread, terror

1a) that which strikes terror

2) reverence for one's husband

Paul isn't writing about a fear of God here as much as a fear of sin,
and a fear of our own weakness toward it.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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Vehement Desire

To desire earnestly. Earnest desire, strong affection

Zodhiates' Complete Word Study

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Zeal

- 1) excitement of mind, ardour, fervour of spirit
 - 1a) zeal, ardour in embracing, pursuing, defending anything
 - 1a1) zeal in behalf of, for a person or thing
 - 1a2) the fierceness of indignation, punitive zeal
 - 1b) an envious and contentious rivalry, jealousy

Thayer's Greek
Definitions

Zeal is an extreme heat of all the affections for and toward God. David's zeal ate him up. Paul was just as mad for Christ as ever he had been against him.

John Trapp, John Trapp's Complete Commentary

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Vindication

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1) a revenging, vengeance, punishment

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the action of clearing someone of blame or suspicion

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Clear

Thayer's Greek Definitions

- 1) exciting reverence, venerable, sacred
- 2) pure

Zodhiates' Complete Word Study

Freedom from defilements or impurities

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In sin, the pleasure passeth, the sorrow remaineth;
but in repentance, the sorrow passeth, the pleasure abideth for ever.
God soon poureth the oil of gladness into broken hearts.

John Trapp, Source

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