

“Powerful Paradoxes”

II Corinthians 11:16 – 12:10

WISE _____

tolerate me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting... (11:16)

HUMBLE _____

self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool... (11:17)

MEANINGLESS _____

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more...⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain... (11:22-23 & 12:6)

POURED OUT _____

I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move... (11:23-26)

CHAINED _____

King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. ³³ But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands. (11:32-33)

HEALTHY _____

to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me... “My grace is sufficient for you” (12:7 & 9)

STRONG _____

my (God’s) power is made perfect in weakness... when I am weak, then I am strong. (12:9-10)

CAN I GET HEAVEN’S PERSPECTIVE, VISIONS & REVELATIONS?

➤ PAUL’S LIFE WAS FULL OF “THIRD HEAVEN” _____ !

○ HIS _____

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I MUST BE ONE MORE POWERFUL PARADOX: “ _____ ” (Rom. 12:1)