

New Life Community Church Lifeline Notes
2 Corinthians Series: “When Times Get Tough”
“The Apostolic Art of Self-Defense”
(2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4)

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Paul’s Self-Defense was:

1. For the _____’s sake and his _____
_____ (2 Corinthians 1:12; John 2:13-17)

**HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU (and US)? (2 Cor
3:6; 5:18-20; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6)**

2. With the _____ of a clear _____ (2
Corinthians 1:12)

2 Corinthians 1:12¹² For our proud confidence is
this: the testimony of our _____

A. The Definition of _____

**“the faculty within human beings that
assesses the moral goodness or
blameworthiness of our conduct.”**

B. The _____ of _____ (Romans
2:14-15)

C. The _____ of _____ (1 John 3:19-20)

1. A _____ conscience. (1 Cor 8:7,10,12)

2. A _____ conscience (Titus 1:15; 4:16)

3. A _____ conscience (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

4. A _____ (_____) conscience (Acts 24:16, 23:1; Hebrews 9:9-14; 10:22; 13:18; Philippians 4:8; 1 Timothy 1:18-19; 1 John 1:9; 1 Peter 3:21; 1 Tim 3:9; 2 Timothy 1:3)

3. Backed up with a life of _____ (2 Corinthians 1:12)

- Holiness, simplicity (singleness) sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God

4. Expressed _____.
Make an effort to _____ before seeking to be _____. (2 Cor 1:14)

5. _____ motivations and actions (2 Corinthians 1:15-16; 1 Corinthians 16:5-9; 2 Corinthians 2:4; 10:10)

6. He appeals to their _____ and their _____ (2 Corinthians 1:17)

7. He appeals to the _____ - _____ (2 Corinthians 1:18-24)

8. He appeals to the need to _____ from _____ (2 Corinthians 2:1-4)

Conclusion

1. Keep the big picture in view- _____ (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

May it be God's honor we seek, rather than our own

2. Discipline yourself to _____ maintain a _____
_____ (Acts 26:16; Psalm 139:23-24)

3. Avoid _____ - Be sure to walk your talk (2 Cor
1:12)

4. Humbly express _____

Seek first to _____

5. Defend yourself with _____ with
_____ in view.

6. Appeal to both _____ and _____

7. Appeal to the _____

8. Seek _____ forgiveness and forbearance
(Ephesians 4:31-32)