

#### IV. LOVINGLY EXPLAIN YOUR ACTIONS

II Corinthians 1:23-2:4

Paul very \_\_\_\_\_ and very lovingly now tries to \_\_\_\_\_ what he had done, and why.

The situation had evolved in such a way that his coming would have only created \_\_\_\_\_ problems, so he \_\_\_\_\_ his plans.

Instead of coming in \_\_\_\_\_, he had decided to write them a \_\_\_\_\_.

He had changed his plans because of his \_\_\_\_\_ for them, not because he was trying to slight them or \_\_\_\_\_ them.

This might be a good pattern for us to follow the next time we are misunderstood, but we can only do so if our conscience is \_\_\_\_\_, and we have a solid \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

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#### WHEN YOU ARE MISUNDERSTOOD

II Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Introduction:

How quickly we brand someone as \_\_\_\_\_.

In the throes of a misunderstanding we even wonder about a friend's \_\_\_\_\_ or question their \_\_\_\_\_.

How did Paul deal with an apparent \_\_\_\_\_ in the church?

#### I. EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE

II Corinthians 1:12-14

Paul's first step was to make sure he had a \_\_\_\_\_ conscience.

Even if we're not \_\_\_\_\_ to blame for the misunderstanding, we are at least \_\_\_\_\_ to blame.

We've got to have a \_\_\_\_\_ clear conscience about the matter before we can go any further.

Paul was confident that his behavior had been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward them.

## II. ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING

II Corinthians 1:15-17

The misunderstanding apparently came over Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ of travel plans.

Some were accusing him of not taking seriously his \_\_\_\_\_.

It's \_\_\_\_\_ to make a commitment and not follow through with it unless there is a valid reason for doing so.

Paul admits he can see that it \_\_\_\_\_ that he was saying one thing and doing something else.

## III. AFFIRM YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST

II Corinthians 1:18-22

There was no way Paul could \_\_\_\_\_ to them, because Christ didn't.

God is \_\_\_\_\_, and the word of those in Christ can therefore be \_\_\_\_\_.

We shouldn't be afraid to publicly state what is \_\_\_\_\_ by our wearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.