

**The “Yes and No” Principle**

**II Corinthians 1:12-24**

**I. Here are the details of this passage.**

- A.** Paul boasts that he has done \_\_\_\_\_ that he can to practice what he preaches. V. 12a
- B.** He \_\_\_\_\_ between worldly wisdom and the grace of God. V. 12b
- C.** Paul did not speak above their heads but tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God in a way that was understandable. V. 13-14
- D.** He had planned on two visits to Corinth but the first one was painful for him and the church. He did not want his change of mind to be interpreted as going back on his word but a course of wisdom for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit. V. 17
- E.** This change in his plans does not \_\_\_\_\_ his love for them nor does it \_\_\_\_\_ God’s word that was spoken to them. V. 18-19
- F.** We can trust in God’s \_\_\_\_\_. He will never change his mind. When others let us down, we should never allow this to cast doubt on God’s faithfulness! V. 20
- G.** The presence of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a guarantee that we are truly saved. V. 21-22
- H.** Paul restates that it was in the best \_\_\_\_\_ of both them and him that he moves on from there. They had everything that they needed to thrive. V. 23-24

**II. How can we apply these truths to our lives?**

- A.** We must be \_\_\_\_\_ in our words and in our deeds.
- B.** We must \_\_\_\_\_ keeping a tally of sins with a practice of showing grace. This does not mean caving into sin but to view others with the same grace that we receive from God.
- C.** We must communicate \_\_\_\_\_ why we do what we do. Lack of communication is still not a license to “go beyond what is written”.
- D.** We can never \_\_\_\_\_ from God’s promises if we do not know what they are.
- E.** We should be \_\_\_\_\_ if we have no idea of who the Holy Spirit is or if we have never heard from Him.
- F.** There are times when we give others \_\_\_\_\_ from us for our benefit and for theirs. Constant fighting over the same issues benefits no one.