

Belial in Context of 2 Cor. 1-7

False teachers had **attacked** Paul's **motives**
and **practices** to undermine his teaching at
Corinth

They could not refute **the truth** Paul **taught**,
so **they** resorted to **character assassination**

2 Corinthians

Paul Defends His Discipleship 1-7

Paul Tells Them To Prove Their Love 8-9

Paul Defends His Apostleship 10-13

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Emotional Connection from Corinthian Obedience

1:1-2:17

Appeals to Corinthians as Proof of Discipleship

3:1-4:6 (**Exposes the false teaching and its teachers**)

Motivation to Sacrifice 4:7-5:21

Appeals to Corinthians for Emotional Connection

6:1-7:4 (**Don't believe false teachers 6:14-7:4**)

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7:5-18

2 Cor. 6:14-7:1

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“differently joined”

Yoke Greek ZUGOS Matthew 11:29-30

Under the LAW Acts 15:10; Galatians 5:1-4

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Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

Galatians 5:1-4

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and **do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**

² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

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Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and *His* doctrine may not be blasphemed. ² And those who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brethren, but rather serve *them* because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

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Balances to weigh (a standard) Revelation 6:5

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When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a **pair of scales** in his hand.

2 Cor. 6:14-7:1

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Believers *vs.* Unbelievers

Righteousness *vs.* Lawlessness

are

Light *vs.* Darkness

Christ *vs.* Belial

Believer *vs.* Unbeliever

Temple of God (the Church) *vs.* Idols

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As the temple of God, the LORD promised to *dwell in us* v.16

walk among us (fellowship)

“I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

“Therefore...

2 Cor. 6:14-7:1

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“Come out from among them”

“Be separate” (holy)

“Do not touch what is unclean”

And God will accept us v.17

With these promises, we should fear God,
cleanse ourselves from all stains of flesh
and spirit, and become completely holy 7:1

Belial in Scripture

One time in New Testament **2 Cor. 6:15**

Some new “translations” translate **Belial** as
the devil, or **the evil one**

27 times in **Hebrew Old Testament**

17 times in the **King James Bible: children**, or
men, of **Belial**

Idea of **devil's** children is in **Genesis 3:15**

Jesus identified those who wanted to kill
Him as being of **their father**, the devil **John**
8:24-47, especially v.44,58-59

**YOU JUST MIGHT BE A SON OF
BELIAL IF...**

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1

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**Plan not to lend to someone in need because
you won't see that money ever again Deut.
15:9; Matt. 5:42; Proverbs 19:17**

If You Are a Child of Belial Then You...

Should realize there is hope for you!

Good news! Jesus died for you, He arose from the dead, and He is the author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him

Hebrews 5:7-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Believe in Jesus Romans 10:9 confess He is Lord

Repent of living for self; commit to obey Him

Acts 2:38 be baptized in His name for the remission of your sins and live in Him