

## Responsible Living 2 Corinthians 12:14-18

### Discern—The Need

- Paul Harvey
- **Responsible Living is Serious Business for the Church**

### Embrace—The Word

- **Expectation of being responsible for one's self** (vv14-15a)
  - Third Visit
  - Paul didn't want to *burden* them with his needs
  - As founder of the Church at Corinth Paul was their spiritual father
    - *Children ought not save up for their parents*
    - The care should run from Parent to Child
    - In fact, Paul would *most gladly spend/Be spent* on their behalf
- **Expectation of righteous love and respect** (vv15b-18)
  - Greco-Roman Culture
  - Spiritual 'Parents' and Spiritual 'Children' have a responsibility in Spiritual Relationships
  - *Sly as I am, I took you in by deceit*—Paul used sarcasm in order to highlight their attitude
  - *Did I take advantage of you*
  - *Titus didn't take advantage of you, did he?*
  - *Didn't we walk in the same spirit...footsteps?*

## **Engage—The Truth**

- **Family Responsibilities**
- **Resource Responsibilities**
- **Relationship Responsibilities**