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Dr. Dallas Willard, USC philosophy professor said, Indisputably, Jesus was a good teacher. Without Him western culture would not have risen to its scope and stature. He also said: if Jesus talked like most people talk today, that same result would not be true.

So, can we agree? as a master Teacher, Jesus chose words His students understood, and expected them to respond: starting with the first word we hear Him say: $\mu\epsilon\tau\alpha\nuo\epsilon$ o, the Greek verb: rethink, or reconsider-- good words, for the one going to school. Jesus expected His first-grade students to be lifelong learners and have many: METANOIA: moments to change your mind, found on almost every page of scripture...



¹ Boasting is really not beneficial to me.

So I move to visions and revelations of the Lord.

- ² I know a man in Christ fourteen years ago: whether he was in the body, or out of the body, I do not know: God knows. This one was grabbed up to the third heaven / this is the word that describes what some call: the rapture. It means, to suddenly and with force to seize and pull out. To the Thessalonians, Paul would not have them ignorant. One day the dead in Christ will suddenly rise; and those who remain will be grabbed up forever to be with the Lord.
- ³ And I know that this man: whether in the body, or out of the body, I do not know: but God knows.
- ⁴ he was grabbed up into paradise, and heard inexpressible words, that no human is allowed to speak.
- ⁵ Of this one I will boast: but I will not boast about myself, except in my weaknesses.
- ⁶ For if I wanted to boast, I wouldn't be a fool; because I would be telling the truth. But I will spare you, so no one can credit me with something more than what he sees in me, or hears from me.
- ⁷ particularly because of the extraordinary revelations. So that I should not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me; a messenger of Satan to batter me, so that I would not exalt myself.
- ⁸ Concerning this I asked the Lord three times, that it would leave me.
- ⁹But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you:

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for My power is perfected in weakness.

So most gladly I will boast in my weaknesses, that over me may rest the power of Christ.

- ¹⁰ So I am content in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties for Christ: for when I am weak, then I am strong.
- ¹¹ I have been a fool; you forced me: for you ought to have been commended me: since I am in no way inferior to those super-apostles, even though I am nothing.
- ¹² Indeed, the signs of an apostle were fully worked among you in all perseverance, both in signs and wonders, and miraculous power.
- ¹³ So in what way are you treated worse that the other assemblies, except that I personally did not burden you? Forgive me for this wrong.
- ¹⁴ You see, this third time I am ready to come to you. I will not burden you, since I am not seeking what is yours, but you. For children ought not save up for their parents, but parents for their children.
- ¹⁵ I will most gladly spend and be spent for you; if I love you more, am I to be loved less?
- ¹⁶ Now though I did not burden you: yet being a clever guy, I took you in by deceit!
- ¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you by any of those I sent to you?
- ¹⁸ I urged Titus to go, and I sent a brother with him. Titus did not take advantage of you, did he? Didn't we walk in the same Spirit? and in the same footsteps?
- ¹⁹ All this time, have you been thinking that we were defending ourselves to you? Before God we are speaking in Christ: and everything is for building you up, dear friends.
- ²⁰ For I fear, that when I come, I will not find to be as I want; and you might not find me to be what you want. Perhaps there will be quarreling, jealousy, anger, contentions, slander, gossip, conceit and disorder:
- ²¹ I fear that when I come again, my God will humiliate me before you, and I may grieve for many who sinned previously, and have not reconsidered the moral impurity and sexual adultery and sensuality they have practiced.

Every Praise The Spirit and the Bride Say Come