

Lesson 17
Paul's Credibility
2 Corinthians 10:1-18

I. The Call for Obedience (10:1-6)

A. The call to action (10:1-2)

1. The manner of the exhortation (10:1)

- Paul is _____ in his approach as he calls them to action.

Question: How do we normally approach difficult issues and how does it compare with the apostle Paul?

2. The exhortation (10:2)

- Paul wishes that they deal with the issue or he _____.

B. The description of his ministry (10:3-5)

1. The manner of ministry (10:3)

- Paul stated that though he lives in the physical realm, he does not _____.

2. The tools of ministry (10:4)

- He did not use the world's methods in ministry but _____.

3. The nature of ministry (10:5)

- The gospel was proclaimed against false arguments to bring _____.

C. Ready to punish (10:6)

- Paul stated that he was ready to _____ that they might be obedient.

II. A Response to Critics (10:7-11)

A. Move beyond the surface (10:7)

- Paul encouraged the Corinthians to look _____.
- Paul points out that he is just as much a _____ as others.

B. God given authority (10:8)

- Paul points out that his authority for ministry was given to him by _____.

C. The nature of the last letter (10:9)

- Paul points out that his last letter was not a _____ to terrify them.

D. The critic's assessment (10:10)

- Paul's critics judged his _____ as not being significant.

E. Paul's response (10:11)

- His critics need to recognize that he will exercise _____ as in the letter.

III. Intruders in their midst (10:12-18)

A. Their inadequate standard (10:12)

- Paul's critics attracted attention by _____ with others.

B. Forced to boast (10:13)

- They were forcing Paul to boast in order to _____.
- Paul would only boast in _____ and the _____ that He had assigned him.

C. Paul's authority (10:14)

- Paul points out that they were a _____.
- This was because Paul was the first to _____.

D. Paul's boasting (10:15-17)

- Paul refused to boast in _____.
- Paul hoped that his influence among them would grow as they _____.
- Paul wanted them to grow so that he could turn his attention to _____.
- True Christian boasting is found in the privilege of _____.

E. True commendation (10:18)

- Paul states that it matters little what an individual says _____.
- True commendation only comes from _____.