

Live from the Approval of God

2 Corinthians 10:12-18

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BIG IDEA: Live from the approval of God, not for the approval of God.

I. Repent of prideful comparison (10:12)

2 Corinthians 10:12 | ¹² Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

II. Receive the grace of God and your God-assigned area of influence (10:13-16)

2 Corinthians 10:13-16 | ¹³ But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. ¹⁴ For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. ¹⁵ We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, ¹⁶ so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence.





III. Boast in the Lord and live (10:17-18)

2 Corinthians 10:17-18 | ¹⁷“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” ¹⁸ For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

Benediction | Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”