

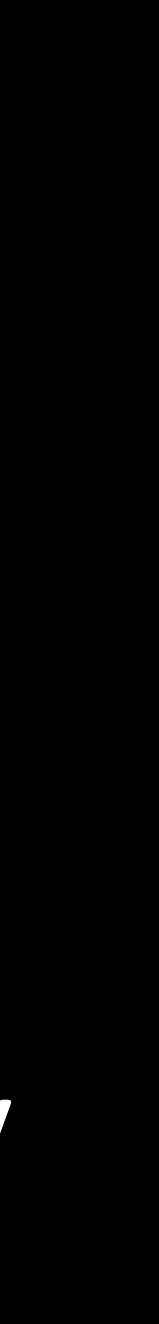
Inward/Outward, Tearing Down/Building Up 2nd Corinthians 10:7-11

Recap: -Worldly -Unimpressed With Paul

2 Corinthians = A Call to be a

-Confused about ministry and purpose

Counter-Cultural-Cruciform Community



2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV [1] Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and am bold toward you.

gentleness of Christ--who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV [2] But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.



2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV do not war according to the flesh. down strongholds,

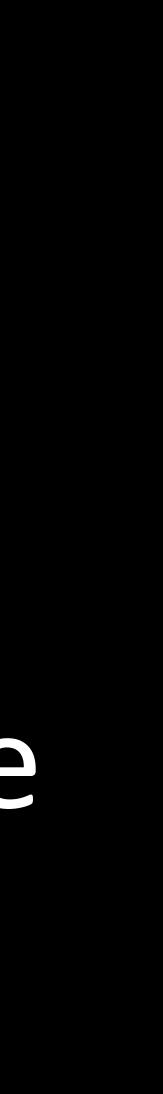
[3] For though we walk in the flesh, we [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling





2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

[5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the



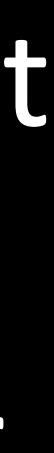
2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV [6] and being ready to punish all fulfilled.

disobedience when your obedience is

2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's.

[7] Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself,

2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [8] For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed-[9] lest I seem to terrify you by letters.



2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [10] "For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible."

2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [11] Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

Five Accusations Against Paul [Fisher] (1) Bully and Coward (10:1, 9, 10)(2) Worldly (10:2; 11:11; 12:16) (3) Bragger (10:8)(4) Inferior apostle (11:5; 12:11; 13:3) (5) Unskilled and Ugly (11:6; 10:10)

v1 - Christ's Example Humble and Meek (Matt. 5:5; 11:29; 21:5; John 1:29; Ps. 45:4; Isa. 40:11; 42:3; 53:7; Zech. 9:9 **Bold and Direct (Matt. 15:1–2; 23:13–** 33; Mark 11:15–17; John 2:13–16

v2-4 - How do you fight? Spiritual/godly vs. fleshly/human Weapons **Moses - Acts 7:20-26** Spiritual Warfare = Acts 6:4; Eph. 6:10-20



v5 - every arrogant obstacle, every thought captive Renew you HEART (James 1:14) Renew you MIND (Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8) Also see (Psalm 139:23-24; Col. 3:5; Rom. 8:13; 1 Cor. 2:16; 2 Cor 5:17



v6 - Join me in the fight Renew you ACTIONS Mat. 3:8; Rom. 2:4; 2 Cor 7:9-15; 2 Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9

v7 - Outward vs Inward Davids Anointing - 1 Samuel 16:7 Mat. 3:8; Rom. 2:4; 2 Cor 7:9-15; 2 Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9

V8-9 - Tear down/Build up - 1 Cor. 3:1 To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant... - Jer. 1:10

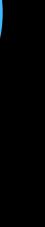
They were oriented to worldly wisdom

v10 - Unskilled and Ugly (... and disingenuous 14:12 A physical defect of the eyes? (Gal. 12:7

Not a commanding appearance (Acts

4:14) and a thorn in the flesh? (2 Cor.

v8-11 - Spiritual Authority Lord over or Please people (Mark 10:35-45)"Gifting" and "Success" (1 Kings 19:11) Legalism / self-centeredness (Matt. 6:2, 15-16; 23:5-7)





Micah 6:8 NKJV "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?"



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