

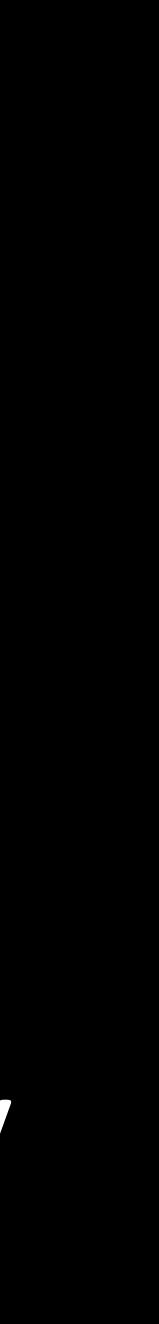
The Measure of Ministry 2nd Corinthians 10:12-18

Recap: -Worldly -Unimpressed With Paul

2 Corinthians = A Call to be a

-Confused about ministry and purpose

Counter-Cultural-Cruciform Community



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)

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,

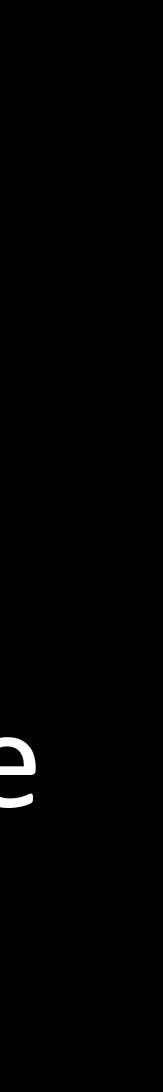
[3] For though we walk in the flesh, we [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling





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



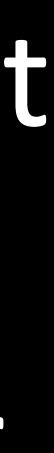
2 Corinthians 10:1-6 NKJV [6] and being ready to punish all fulfilled.

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.

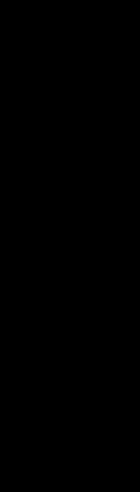
2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [12] For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [13] We, however, will not boast of the sphere which God appointed YOU.

beyond measure, but within the limits us--a sphere which especially includes

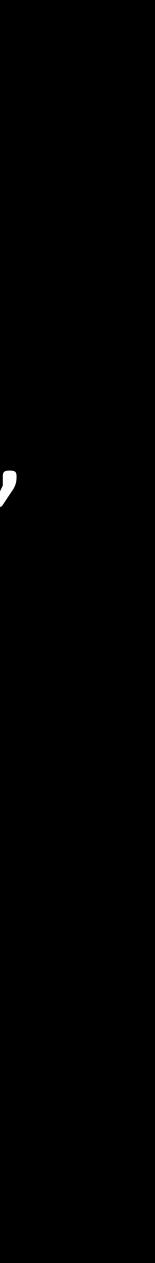
2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [14] For we are not overextending not extend to you), for it was to you

ourselves (as though our authority did that we came with the gospel of Christ;





2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV [15] not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,



2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

[16] to preach the gospel in the regions



2 Corinthians 10:7-18 NKJV in the LORD." is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

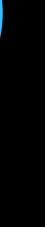
[17] But "he who glories, let him glory

[18] For not he who commends himself

v.1 - 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

v.7 - 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

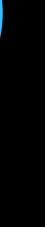
v.8-11 - Spiritual Authority Lord over or Please people (Mark 10:35-45)"Gifting" and "Success" (1 Kings 19:11) Legalism / self-centeredness (Matt. 6:2, 15-16; 23:5-7)





v.12 - Measuring Themselves Legalism, pride, and Wisdom (1 Cor. 1:19-2:13; Gal. 6:3) 15-16; 23:5-7)

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"Oh, pray to be preserved from this perilous pinnacle of self-exaltation. Look into the perfect law of liberty, and draw nigh to God. The nearer we come to God, the more rottenness we find in our bones." (Trapp)



v.13-15 - Limits/Spheres What calling/work/assignment has God given you? (Eph. 2:10) Dont look around, look up!

Pauls limits/assignment (Acts 9; Rom 15:17-28; 1 Cor 3:6, 7; Gal. 1-2; Eph 3)

v.16 - in regions beyond... First get their own house in order 2 Cor. 10:6, Then partner with him in prayer (Eph. 6:19–20) and financial support (1 Cor. 16:6; Phil. 4:15–17) to take the gospel farther out (Rom. 15:23-24).

v.17-18 - OT vient boastin' that they understand and know me... (Jer. 9:23-24, also in 1 Cor 1:31) Not things you don't know or control (Prov. 27:1-2; Luke 12:19–21; James 4:13-16; 2 Cor. 1:12-14)

v.18 - approve by testing - The metal metaphor (Jer. 6:30; Rom. **16:10; 1 Cor. 11:19), the judgment seat** of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), and Master's approval (Luke 19:17). - Self-commendation and the praise of men (Matt. 6:2, 6, 16) will count for nothing (Rom. 2:29; 1 Cor. 4:5).



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