

Fields of Assignment

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- Boundaries of ministry for all (all are ministers)
- Area of Jurisdiction
- 2 Corinthians 10:13

Paul's place of Authority – 2 Corinthians 10

- I appeal to you with the gentleness and kindness of Christ
- Begging you now so when I come I won't have to be "bold"
- Wage war with God's mighty weapons - Ephesians 6:17 ... and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- Knock down strongholds of human reasoning
- Destroy false arguments
- Destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God
- Worldviews and Ideologies – Evil is good and good is evil
- Isaiah 5:20 What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, ...
- 1 Corinthians 1:21 Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.
- 1 Corinthians 1:27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise...

Worldly Weapons

- Worldly Authority – Lording it over – contrast - Matthew 20:27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant
- Fame
- Wealth
- Political power
- Isaiah 53:2 ...There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.
- 2 Corinthians 10:8 ...the authority given to us by the Lord. But our authority builds you up; it doesn't tear you down. So I will not be ashamed of using my authority.
- Acts 20:28 "So guard yourselves and God's people. ...over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.
- Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) — 17 Obey your spiritual leaders, ... they are accountable to God...

2 Corinthians 10:13–18

- What happened within our boundaries
- Not reaching beyond our boundaries
- Our boundaries extended as your faith grows – you are expanding the ministry
- Preaching in other places – (increased experiences – increased capacities)
- Boast only about the Lord
- The important thing - for the Lord to commend them

Ministry Gifts – a field of assignment – a boundary of ministry

- Ephesians 4:7 (NASB95) — 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- Ephesians 4:11–16
- Ministry Gifts – a field of assignment – a boundary of ministry
- These are the (GRACE) gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.
- Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.
- This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord,
- Measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.
- We will no longer be immature like children.
- We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.
- We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ
- He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work,
- It helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Fields of assignment and boundaries

- Acknowledge the grace given to others
- A level of God-given authority
- A different viewpoint – A place for appeals
- Yielding/trusting that authority
- 1 Corinthians 12:7,11

The Incarnation

- God in Christ reconciling the world to himself
- Ambassadors of the Incarnation – God in you, serving other