

The Life and Letters of Paul

2 Corinthians 10

- 1. While Paul seeks to defend himself, he does not want to do so in an angry or indignant manner; rather, he seeks to emulate the humility and gentleness shown by Christ. (Paul literally saying don't some of you think I am a Keyboard warrior- He did not to react in the flesh)**

2 Corinthians 10:1-2/ Matthew 11:29, Luke 18:14, Galatians 6-The humility of Christ should be in us.

- 2. Paul speaking to the Church removes the default reaction that most of us have when being cornered or questioned "I am only human" What is your reaction?**

2 Corinthians 10:3-6/Ephesians 6:10-17- We do not battle as humans

- 3. Paul wants the church to come into submission with the will of God first and foremost and then he would address those who challenged his authority.**

2 Corinthians 10:6/ 2 Corinthians 2:9- Paul Wrote prior, to confirm their obedience/ James 4:7- A changed body starts with you first.

- 4. Paul speaks on the difference of his Authority and those who had question his calling. When we are called into leadership it is to "Lead" not to domineering.**

2 Corinthians 10:7-8/ Romans 1:1-Pauls calling appointed by God

- 5. Because of the matters that Paul wrote to the church in both 1st and 2nd Corinthians on matters of immorality, divisions and other topics that offend the flesh, his accusers used this as offensive and frightening (much like some say today)**

2 Corinthians 10:9-11/ 1 Corinthians 5:1- even pagans don't do/ 1 Corinthians 1:13- has Christ been Divided.

6. There is a danger in qualifying men from your point of view, you are suggesting that you are the standard. Paul's only personal concern was what the Lord thought of him. (we should all seek to become this)

2 Corinthians 10:12/ Galatians 6:4-5- test yourself not your neighbor/ Galatians 1:10- seek God's approval.

7. Paul was content to stay within the bounds of the ministry God had given him—that of being the apostle to the Gentiles. Are you content with the work God has assigned you? (Stay in your lane)

2 Corinthians 10:13-14/ Romans 1:5, Romans 11:13/ 1 Timothy 2:7/ 2 Timothy 1:11

8. Paul knew his position was not to just be in charge but to make disciples, this is also our position. ((we hope your faith will grow)

2 Corinthians 10:15-16/ 2 Corinthians 3:1-2- Your growth is our letter of recommendation.

9. The thought of self-glory was repugnant to Paul; he boasted only in the Lord (don't be your biggest fan)

2 Corinthians 10:17/ Jeremiah 9:23-24- don't boast about earthly things

10. Self-commendation is both meaningless and foolish; the only true, meaningful commendation comes from God.

2 Corinthians 10:18/ Daniel 5:20- puffed up and brought down (Nebuchadnezzar made himself great)