

## 2 Corinthians

### Lesson #14, Chapter 10:1-18

Read Chapter 10 in preparation for this lesson.

1. Who is Paul's targeted audience for this chapter?
  
2. Who is Paul comparing or defending himself against in this chapter?
  
3. What are Paul's detractors saying about him?
  
4. How does Paul defend himself against their false accusations?
  
5. Why does Paul prize meekness so much (verse 1)?
  
6. Define *meekness* (Strong's #4240).
  - a. Define *gentleness* (Strong's #1932).
  
7. What does Paul tell the Corinthians he hopes to be or not be when he comes (verse 2)?

8. When does Paul think it necessary to be bold? Why (verses 2-4)?
  
9. How is Paul bold toward them when absent, i.e. how is his boldness manifested? See verses 9 and 10.
  
10. What's the distinction that Paul makes in verses 2 and 3 between walking *in* the flesh versus walking *according* to the flesh?
  - a. To learn more about what Paul means when he talks about walking "in the flesh" look up Phil. 1:22, 24; Col. 1:24; 1 Tim. 3:16. Summarize what you learn.
  
  - b. To learn more about what Paul means when he talks about walking "according to the flesh" look up Rom. 8:5-8; Gal. 5:16-21; Eph. 2:3.
  
11. What kind of war will Paul wage according to verses 3-6? Where is the battle fought? How is it fought?
  
12. What weapons were used to battle fortresses of ancient times? How successful were they?
  
13. What weapons of warfare do we have according to Eph. 6:10-20? What does Paul say about the effectiveness of our weapons from 10:4 and Eph. 6?

14. We are all subject at times to marauding thoughts that lay siege to our minds. What should we do? How do you take every thought captive that is disobedient to Christ? See also Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:6-8; Col. 2:6-8; 3:1-4.
  
15. Verses 8 and 9 give us the purpose of apostolic authority. What is it?
  
16. There are those who have thought that verse 10 refers to Paul's looks, but the best interpretation is that the verse is not referring to his appearance, but of his deportment—how he acted while among them. If we take into account verse 11, that there is no disparity between the "Paul of his letters" and the "Paul in person" then we learn something quite significant about Paul. What do you learn (see also 10:1)?
  
17. How does Paul measure himself? How do the false teachers measure themselves according to verses 12-16? What is the problem of comparing yourself with yourself?
  
18. What does Paul boast about in verses 12-16?
  
19. What was Paul's ministry goal in verse 16? See also Rom. 15:20; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Eph. 6:19.
  
20. Paul uses the word *boast* in Chapter 10 as a way to defend his ministry from the accusations of the false teachers. Now in verses 17 and 18 he reminds his readers of the proper way to boast. What do you learn? See also Rom. 15:17-18 and Acts 14:27.

21. How would your conversation and daily life change if you determined, as Paul did, to speak only of what Christ accomplished through you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
22. What lessons from Paul did you learn from this study that you want to apply in your life?

The great Master Gardener, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in a wonderful providence, with His own hand, planted me here, where by His grace, in this part of His vineyard, I grow; and here I will abide till the great Master of the vineyard think fit to transplant me.  
– Samuel Rutherford