

2 Corinthians

The Heart of An Apostle

Part 16: "The Apostle's Defense" 2 Cor. 10

Paul's ABC Defense

- A.** Verses 1 through 6 is Paul's " _____ " to the group.
B. Verses 7 through 11 is Paul's statement about " _____ " to Christ.
C. And Verses 12 through 18 is about " _____ " people.

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 - Paul's Appeal

¹By the _____ and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you— I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away! ²I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the _____ of this world. ³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to _____ strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. ⁶And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

Matthew 11:29

"Take my yoke upon you and _____ from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

1 Thessalonians 2:7

"As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother _____ for her little children."

1 Corinthians 4:21

What do you _____? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?

David Powlison

"CBT is essentially about changing how I talk to myself about myself. A semi-Christianized CBT is essentially talking to myself about God's view of me, in order to make myself _____ better."

David Powlison (continued)

But Christianity is talking to God about God, myself, my world, and all else. And when I do talk to myself about God (Psalm 103) or about myself (Psalm 42), it is about God in such a way that it _____ of myself, leads to talking with God, trusting God, and loving God. We want to awaken something in people and their faith that makes their life experience relational rather than all about self-talk and symptoms."

2 Corinthians 10:7-11 - Paul Belongs to Christ

⁷You are looking only on the _____ of things. If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, he should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as he. ⁸For even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than pulling you down, I will not be _____ of it. ⁹I do not want to seem to be trying to frighten you with my letters. ¹⁰For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing." ¹¹Such people should _____ that what we are in our letters when we are absent, we will be in our actions when we are present.

2 Corinthians 11:13

"Such men are false apostles, _____ workman, masquerading as apostles of Christ."

2 Corinthians 10:12-18 - Comparing

¹²We do not dare to classify or _____ ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. ¹³We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you. ¹⁴We are not going too far in our boasting, as would be the case if we had not come to you, for we did get as far as you with the gospel of Christ. ¹⁵Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly _____, ¹⁶so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work already done in another man's territory. ¹⁷But, "Let him who boasts boast in the _____." ¹⁸For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.