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  - A. Paul's authority (10:1-11)
  - B. Proper commendation (10:12-18)

• True or False: Paul wanted to come to the Corinthians with severity.

• False, 10:1-2

- What does this mean? "For the though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh." (10:3, NKJV)
  - The Christian, in fighting against sin and error, does not fight using deceit, ugliness, meanness, fists, etc.

- - "For the weapons of our warfare are not <u>carnal</u> but <u>mighty</u> in <u>God</u>..."
- The Christian's weaponry includes the sword of the Spirit, which is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - The word of God, Ephesians 6:17

- The power that is mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, for casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, that will bring thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ, is what?
  - The word of God, the gospel, Romans 1:16
- Why do human reasoning and false arguments need to be cast down?
  - A) they exalt themselves against the knowledge of God
  - B) in order that people may be brought to obedience to Christ
  - C) both of the above
  - D) neither of the above
  - C) both of the above, 10:4-5

Were the apostles given authority? If so, who gave it?
Yes, the Lord, 10:8

- True or False: Some in Corinth claimed that Paul's letters were weighty and powerful but his bodily presence was weak and his speech contemptible (amounting to nothing).
  True, 10:10
- True or False: The enemies who had infiltrated Corinth did a good job of patting each other on the back.
  True, 10:12

- Which of the following are true?
  - A) Paul would take credit for the work that he did that Christ gave him
  - B) Paul would take credit for the work he did in Corinth
  - C) Paul would take credit for the work he did beyond Corinth
  - D) It seems the infiltrators in Corinth would take credit for the Corinthians
  - E) all of the above
  - E) all of the above, 10:13-16
- Who is approved of God?
  - A) he who commends himself
  - B) whom the Lord commends
  - C) both A and B
  - D) neither A nor B
  - B) whom the Lord commends, 10:18

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  - B. Confronting the false teachers (11:5-15)
  - C. Boasting, glorying, in his sufferings for Christ (11:16-33)

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 11:1 PLAYING THE FOOL

"Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me."

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 11:2-4 PAUL'S GREAT CONCERN THAT THE CORINTHIANS ARE BEING DECEIVED

"For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. {3} But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. {4} For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!"

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 11:5-6 PAUL IS NOT INFERIOR

"For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles. {6} Even though I am untrained in speech, yet I am not in knowledge. But we have been thoroughly manifested among you in all things."

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 11:7-12 ADDRESSING HIS NOT RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM THE CORINTHIANS

"Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge? {8} I robbed other churches, taking wages from them to minister to you. {9} And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep myself. {10} As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. {11} Why? Because I do not love you? God knows! {12} But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast."

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 11:12-15 THE DETRACTORS, THE CRITICS, THE RIVALS IN CORINTH ARE CALLED WHAT THEY ARE

"But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. {13} For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. {14} And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. {15} Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works."