

Every Thought Obedient to Christ

2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15

Key Verse: 10:5

“We 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.”

* WEAPONS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE (10:1-6)

1. How did Paul appeal to the Corinthians? (1) Why did he quote the words "timid" and "bold"? (10:10-11) What did he beg of them? (2) How did he contrast himself with "some people" who criticized him? (2b-3)

2. Look at verse 4a. In these chapters what were Paul's weapons? (10:1a,13; 11:3b,7b, 10a,11; 13:8) How were his weapons different from weapons of the world? (10:5a,7a,12; 11:3a,13-14,20)

3. Read verse 4b. What were the power source (4b; Ro1:16) and target (4b; 11:14) of Paul's weapons? What are the "strongholds" of Satan? (10:5a-6,12b,15a; 11:4)

4. Read verses 5-6. What arguments and pretensions today are against the knowledge of God? (cf. Ro1:21) How can we "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ"? (Gal5:16-18; Mk8:33,34; Ps119:9-11) How should we deal with every act of disobedience, both within ourselves and in others? (6)

* COMMENDED BY THE LORD (10:7-18)

5. What misunderstanding about himself did Paul address? (7-11) How did Paul use his God-given authority? (8) Why is it important to use God-given authority properly?

6. In what respect are those who commend themselves not wise? (12) How did Paul confine his boasting, and what was his hope? (13-16) What should be our principle in boasting? (17-18)

* FALSE APOSTLES UNMASKED (11:1-15)

7. What godly jealousy did Paul have for the Corinthians? (1-3) Against what was Paul fighting? (3-4) Compared with the "super-apostles," how did Paul defend himself? (5-12) How did he "unmask" them, and what will be their end? (13-15) What can we learn here about how to discern between true and false apostles?