

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 139—2 Corinthians 10

Introduction: With chapter ten Paul begins the third major division of this epistle. In this section he answers those who would turn the Corinthians away from him by challenging his apostleship. In this chapter Paul affirms His own authority as an apostle of the Lord to build up and not tear down the Lord's work. It was this authority that enabled him to boldly war against sin in Corinth.

Lesson aim: To show the need to war against all sin, but not according to the flesh

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the power God has given him to build up and not tear down as an apostle—2 Cor. 10:1-18

1. By what virtues did Paul exhort the Corinthians? (v. 1) This was in response to what charge some of the Corinthians had apparently made against him? (v. 1)
2. What did Paul not want to do when he came to Corinth? (v. 2) The people opposed to Paul treated him as if he walked how? (v. 2)
3. How did Paul say he did not war as an apostle of the Lord? (v. 3) How did Paul describe the weapons of his warfare? (v. 4) What was Paul seeking to destroy with those weapons? (v. 5)
4. What did Paul want to take captive? (v. 5) What was Paul prepared to punish? (v. 6)
5. How were some of the Corinthians looking at things? (v. 7) What did Paul affirm about himself? (v. 7)
6. What had the Lord given Paul authority to do? (v. 8) If Paul were to boast further about his authority, would he be put to shame? (v. 8)
7. Did Paul intend for his letters to make the Corinthians think he would terrify them? (v. 9) What were Paul's enemies in Corinth saying about him? (v. 10) How did Paul answer this? (v. 11)

8. Paul was not willing to class or compare himself with what kind of people? (v. 12) What did Paul say about people who do such? (v.12)
9. Did Paul desire to boast about authority he had over people he had not taught? (v. 13) Was Paul “overextending” himself in seeking to correct the problems in Corinth?
10. What did Paul hope would happen as the result of his efforts? (v. 15) This would result in Paul preaching where? (v. 16)
11. What is the only boast a Christian can truly make? (v. 17) What does Paul mean by this? (v. 18)