

A Ministry of Authority - 2 Corinthians 10:7-18

Disciples of the Lord Have Authority:

I. To Speak Edification to One Another, v. 7-8

A. Our authority comes from belonging to Christ, v. 7

B. Our edification results from being in Christ, v. 8

II. Based on Inner Holiness, v. 9-13

A. The accusation: Paul is weak, v. 10

B. The goal: to be a spiritual powerhouse

III. Based on What We Proclaim, v. 14-16

A. The accusation: Paul is overstepping his role, v. 14

B. The goal: faithfully proclaiming the truth

IV. To Glory in Christ, v. 16-18

A. We can only glory in God's work, v. 16

B. Only the humble will be commended by God

- How do we lose the perspective concerning our value in Christ?
- How is your ability to speak the truth saturated with the love of God?
- How can we better understand our identity in Christ to strengthen our spiritual authority?
- What does it mean to you to have the authority to edify others as a disciple of Christ?
- How does our personal spiritual growth impact our ability to help others grow?
- How can we ensure our authority to speak truth comes from our relationship with God?
- Are there areas in your life where you struggle to compare yourself to others instead of focusing on Christ?

Next week: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15