

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 27, 2019
2 Corinthians 10:1-11:15

1. What accusations seem to have been brought against Paul, according to this passage (see verse 10:10)? _____
2. Who is making these accusations (see 11:4-5)? _____

3. Why does Paul care about what the church thinks about him, according to 11:1-4?
 - a. Because he needs to defend his reputation.
 - b. Because he needs people to respect him.
 - c. Because he feels that these apostles are leading the Corinthian church astray.
 - d. Because he “promised [them] to one husband, to Christ....”
 - e. He is worried that they will be (perhaps are being) deceived and wants to warn them.
4. How does Paul respond to these accusations?
 - a. He reminds them that he does not fight with the weapons of this world (verse 10:4)
 - b. He refuses to compare himself with people who “commend themselves” (verse 10:12)
 - c. He appeals to them based on his sacrifice for them and others rather than based on his abilities (verse 11:7-9).
5. What does Paul say about the weapons he uses as opposed to those used by the people of the world, according to 10:3-11:9?
 - a. They have divine power (verse 10:4)
 - b. They demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God (verse 10:5).
 - c. He uses the authority of God to build people up rather than tearing others down (verse 10:8).
 - d. He is not using intimidation in his letters, but is trying to boldly correct in love (verse 10:9).
 - e. He will not boast beyond proper limits, but only speak about what God is doing through his ministry...not about his own ability outside of God’s work (verses 10:13-18).
 - f. He does not use eloquent speech, but relies on God (verse 11:6).
 - g. He does what he does without personal gain (verses 11:7-9).
 - h. Tyndale commentary suggests “human cleverness or ingenuity, organizing ability, eloquent diatribe, or reliance on charm or forcefulness of personality.”
6. Are there still people today who would try to win the church over by worldly means?
Yes____ No____ Explain. _____
7. Should we care? Yes____ No____ Explain. _____

8. Are they influencing you? _____
9. How should we respond...should we fight on equal ground and try to impress people with our knowledge and ability (verse 11:30)? _____