

Living for Ultimate Approval

2nd Corinthians 10:7-18

(series #30)

Intro: the difficulty of responding to false accusation

I. The Appeal to Look at the Facts v. 7

- A. They knew about Paul on the Damascus Rd.
- B. They had seen his life and heard his message
- C. They knew Paul belonged to Christ

II. The Awkwardness of Paul's Situation vv. 8-11

- A. Paul uses a form of "boast" 20 times
- B. He boasted about the Lord's work thru him
- C. The lack of discrepancy in Paul's life

III. The Refusal to Compare with Others vv. 12-18

- A. It is a lack of understanding and isn't wise
- B. Paul never saw himself as better than others
- 1st Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8; 1st Tim. 1:15
- C. Paul ministered in his God-given sphere
- D. He desired to take the gospel further
- Acts 19:21; Romans 15
- E. His Boast was in the Lord
- Phil. 3:5-8; Jer. 9:23-24; 1st Cor. 1:30-31

Conclusion: Are we living for the Lord's approval?

- 1st Corinthians 4:3-5