

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for August 7, 2011**

**“Paul’s Warfare on Behalf of His Apostolic Authority”**  
**2 Corinthians 10:3**

How did Paul go about defending his apostolic authority to the unrepentant within the Corinthian Church?

Paul began the defense of his apostolic authority to the unrepentant within the Corinthian Church by focusing on his activities (2 Corinthians 10:1-6).

Paul, in focusing on his activities, initially sought to address questions involving his demeanor (2 Corinthians 10:1-2).

Paul, in focusing on his activities also sought to address questions involving his methods (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

When Paul acknowledged that he walked “in the flesh” he simply acknowledged that he was human.

When Paul said, “we do not war according to the flesh” he simply meant that he and his associates did not war according to flesh driven expediency or impulse.

Because Paul and his associates war with his opponents was not being driven by fleshly expediency or impulse, the clear implication is that their war was being driven and empowered by God’s Spirit.

If we want to engage the forces of darkness in the strength and power of God’s Spirit then we must be willing to completely surrender our lives to His control (Ephesians 5:18).

May we by the grace of God engage the forces of darkness in the strength and power of God’s Spirit.