

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 4, 2011

Paul's Defense of His Foolish Boasting
2 Corinthians 11:7-12

How did Paul defend his willingness to engage in what he considered to be foolish boasting in 2 Corinthians 10:2-15?

Paul defended his willingness to engage in what he considered to be foolish boasting by highlighting his godly jealousy for the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 11:2-6).

Paul defended his willingness to engage in foolish boasting by highlighting his no-charge policy and its implications (2 Corinthians 11:7-12).

Paul chose his no-charge policy because he did not want to cause any hindrance to the gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:1-12).

Though Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:1-12 made it clear that he adopted his no-charge policy because he did not want any hindrance to the gospel, it still did not prevent the false apostles from attacking him because of his no-charge policy.

Paul's opponents were seeking to convince the Corinthians that because of his no-charge policy he was a worthless messenger proclaiming a worthless message and was therefore an apostolic deceiver.

Paul's no-charge policy was Paul's common practice when taking the gospel into an area where the gospel had never been preached (1 Corinthians 9:6).

Paul's no-charge policy ended when the churches he had founded willingly, and as an expression of God's grace, extended gifts to support him and his ministry.

Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:8-9 explained how the gifts given to him by the Macedonians while in Corinth were used by him to support his no-charge policy in Corinth.

The word "to rob" (SYLAO) is a military term used to describe the stripping of the armor from a dead soldier on the field of battle.

Paul reinforced his commitment to continue his no-charge policy with two brief back-to-back oaths (2 Corinthians 11:10-11).

Paul's commitment to continue on with his no-charge policy was designed by Paul to expose the fraudulent apostolic claims of his opponents (2 Corinthians 11:12).

May God so fill us with His grace that when we find it necessary to give up our rights for the sake of the gospel and the advancement of Christ's kingdom, we would do so gladly.

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