

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for January 29, 2012**

**Minimizing the Risks of Foolish Boasting**  
**2 Corinthians 11:16-21**

How did Paul attempt to protect the Corinthians from misunderstanding his willingness to engage in foolish boasting?

Paul sought to protect the Corinthians by appealing to them for a fair hearing (2 Corinthians 11:16).

Paul sought to protect the Corinthians by acknowledging that his willingness to engage in foolish boasting was in response to his opponents' threat rather than in response to the Lord's example (2 Corinthians 11:17-18).

Paul sought to protect the Corinthians by helping them to see the stark difference between the relationship they had with his opponents versus the relationship they had with him (2 Corinthians 11:19-21).

Paul's opponents had enslaved them.

Paul's opponents devoured them.

Paul's opponents had taken advantage of them.

Paul's opponents had exalted themselves over them.

Paul's opponents had struck them.

May we by God's grace, as we bow in true humility before His throne, always be careful through our words and deeds to encourage others to do the same.