

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 24, 2012**

**Paul's final Appeal Regarding His
Legitimacy as an Apostle
2 Corinthians 12:14-21**

What were the three basic components of Paul's final appeal to those still questioning his apostolic legitimacy within the Corinthian church in 2 Corinthians 12:14-21?

Paul focused the Corinthians' attention on the loving and sacrificial character of his apostolic ministry as manifested by his no-charge policy (2 Corinthians 12:14-15).

Paul believed that his no-charge policy testified to the true apostolic character of his ministry, since Christ, the one who had sent him to the gentiles, had also suffered on behalf of those to whom He had been sent.

Paul called those Corinthians who were still rebelling against him to make a final decision about whether his no-charge policy was a ploy to rob them or a means to sacrificially serve them as would be expected from a true apostle (2 Corinthians 12:16-18).

May God give us the grace to make the critical decisions in our lives that will not only bring us salvation and victorious living but will also magnify and glorify the name of God.