

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from September 4, 2011
“The Purpose of Apostolic Authority”
2 Corinthians 10:7-8**

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 10:7-11 carefully and make as many observations as possible. How do verses 9-11 fit into the flow of the text?

If Paul did not want to terrify the Corinthians with his letters, what did he want to do with his letters?

Who were the people speaking in 2 Corinthians 9:10?

Why would Paul say what he said to those speaking in 2 Corinthians 9:11?

Applying the sermon

In what ways can people in positions of authority use their positions to build up those who have been entrusted in their care?

Conversely, in what ways can people in positions of authority use their positions to destroy those who have been entrusted to their care?

What is your present position of authority in the home, in the office, or in the church?

How are you using this position to build up those entrusted to your care? How are you using this position to destroy those entrusted to your care?

What changes would God have you to make in terms of any of these relationships?