

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from September 11, 2011**  
**“The Purpose of Apostolic Authority”**  
**2 Corinthians 10:9-11**

**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**

What do you believe would have happened in the Corinthian church if the Corinthians had failed to recognize the apostolic authority of Paul?

Why is it important to recognize that God has entrusted our church leaders (elders) with the authority to oversee and to direct the affairs of this church?

What do you believe would be the consequences for our church if their authority to oversee and to direct the affairs of this church were not recognized?

How can you encourage, help, and pray for our leaders and their work of overseeing and directing the affairs of this church?