

## The Minister: His Right to Be Accepted

### 2 Corinthians 10: 07-18

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| <p><b>1 <i>He is to be accepted because he belongs to Christ</i></b></p> <p>a. Charge:<br/>Paul ranked less than other ministers</p> <p>b. Claim:<br/>All ministers are equal</p> <p><b>2 <i>He is to be accepted because he is set for edification not for destruction</i></b></p> <p>a. Charge:<br/>Paul destroys people</p> <p>b. Claim:<br/>He edifies, not destroys people</p> <p><b>3 <i>He is to be accepted because of the authority God has given, not because of appearance</i></b></p> <p>a. Charge:<br/>Paul - weak appearance,<br/>poor preacher<br/>- could not possibly have<br/>authority of God</p> <p>b. Claim</p> <p>1) If needed,<br/>he would exercise his authority</p> <p>2) Human commendations<br/>and judgments are unwise</p> <p>3) A minister is to exercise authority<br/>only in the area<br/>and within the limits<br/>God has given him</p> | <p>7 You are looking only on the surface of things.<br/>If anyone is confident<br/>that he belongs to Christ,<br/>he should consider again<br/>that we belong to Christ just as much as he.</p> <p>8 For even if I boast somewhat freely<br/>about the authority the Lord gave us<br/>for building you up<br/>rather than pulling you down,<br/>I will not be ashamed of it.</p> <p>9 I do not want to seem<br/>to be trying to frighten you<br/>with my letters.</p> <p>10 For some say,<br/>“His letters are weighty and forceful,<br/>but in person he is unimpressive<br/>and his speaking amounts to nothing.”</p> <p>11 Such people should realize<br/>that what we are in our letters<br/>when we are absent,<br/>we will be in our actions<br/>when we are present.</p> <p>12 We do not dare to classify<br/>or compare ourselves<br/>with some who commend themselves.<br/>When they measure themselves by themselves<br/>and compare themselves with themselves,<br/>they are not wise.</p> <p>13 We, however,<br/>will not boast beyond proper limits,<br/>but will confine our boasting<br/>to the field God has assigned to us,<br/>a field that reaches even to you.</p> |
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**4 *He is to be accepted  
because he ministers  
and preaches the gospel***

- a. He preaches the gospel to the church
- b. His area of concern
  - 1) Their faith and its growth
  
  - 2) Their sending the gospel to regions beyond themselves

**5 *He is to be accepted  
because he boasts in the Lord  
and not in men***

14 We are not going too far in our boasting,  
as would be the case if we had not come to you,  
for we did get as far as you  
with the gospel of Christ.

15 Neither do we go beyond our limits  
by boasting of work done by others.  
Our hope is that,  
as your faith continues to grow,  
our area of activity among you will greatly expand,

16 So that we can preach the gospel  
in the regions beyond you.  
For we do not want to boast about work  
already done in another man's territory.

17 But, "Let him who boasts  
boast in the Lord."

18 For it is not the one who commends himself  
who is approved,  
but the one whom the Lord commends.