

# The Minister: His Warfare and Weapons

## 2 Corinthians 10: 01-06

### **1 *Paul accused of living by the standards of this world***

- a. Being a coward
  
- b. Being carnal,  
lacking godly power  
and boldness

### **2 *The minister wars and fights, but not in a worldly way***

- a. He is in a spiritual war
- b. His weapons are not physical  
but spiritual,  
of divine power
- c. His method of conquering evil  
is threefold
  - 1) He casts down arguments  
and imaginations
  - 2) He demolishes pretensions
  - 3) He captivates every thought

### **3 *The minister stands ready to deal with rebels - but only after genuine believers are clearly seen***

- 1 By the meekness and gentleness of Christ,  
I appeal to you  
- I, Paul,  
who am “timid”  
when face to face with you,  
but “bold” when away!
- 2 I beg you that when I come  
I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be  
toward some people  
who think that we live  
by the standards of this world.
- 3 For though we live in the world,  
we do not wage war  
as the world does.
- 4 The weapons we fight with  
are not the weapons of the world.  
On the contrary,  
they have divine power  
to demolish strongholds.
- 5 We demolish arguments  
and every pretension that sets itself up  
against the knowledge of God,  
and we take captive every thought  
to make it obedient to Christ.
- 6 And we will be ready to punish  
every act of disobedience,  
once your obedience is complete.