

PAUL AND HIS CORINTHIAN CRITICS  
II COR 11:7-12

Introduction:

- A. There were men who sought to undermine Paul's ministry at Corinth.
  - 1. These men were unsound doctrinally, v4.
  - 2. They were false apostles. v13.
  - 3. They were Satan's ministers. v15.
  
- B. The church received them gladly.
  - 1. v19, "For ye suffer fools gladly..."
  - 2. gladly = hedeos - sweetly, with relish of eating, with pleasure.
  
- C. They suffered their arrogance.
  - 1. v20.
  - 2. Why will people suffer the devil's preachers to rob and abuse them?

I. WHAT WAS THE BASIS OF THEIR CRITICISM?  
OR WHY DID PAUL CHANGE?

- A. They accused him of being two-faced.
  - 1. v10:1.
  
- B. They said he walked according to the flesh.
  - 1. v10:2.
  
- C. They said his body presence was weak.
  - 1. v10:10.
  
- D. They said his speech was contemptible.
  - 1. v10:10.
  
- E. He preached to them without charge.
  - 1. v11:7.

2. If Paul preached without charge, his ministry must be weak.

F. He took money from other churches. v8.

1. robbed = sulao - to spoil, to plunder, rob.

2. wages = sponion = a stipend, wages, esp. of soldiers

G. He was chargeable to no man. v9a

1. chargeable = katanarkao - to be burdensome to anyone.

I. He boasted of his independence of them.

1. "and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you."

a. burdensome = narke - effect of electric eel, to become numb.

J. He loved them. v11

1. Why would Paul be so critical?

2. If you loved me you wouldn't spank me.

K. Paul defended his actions. v12

1. This often times angers people.

2. Jesus didn't, he was not in the flesh.

## II. EVERY TRUE MINISTER WILL BE CRITICIZED .

A. Jesus said so.

1. Matt. 5:11-12.

2. The servant is not above his master.

B. Paul said so.

1. Could we dare compare ourselves to Paul?

1. II Tim. 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly.."