

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 11:14**

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades  
as an angel of light.

**Building Foundation Faith 23-1**

**"THE BATTLE OF CRITICISM"**  
**READ 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:33**

**DAY 1 READ 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:33**

1. What was a reminder to you in last week's lesson?
2. Identify something Paul boasted about in . . .
  - a. chapter 10
  - b. chapter 11
3. a. Share something good (and true) about yourself. (Describe one or more positive qualities or actions.)  
  
b. What level of discomfort do you feel in "boasting" on a scale of 1 (no problem) to 10 (extremely uneasy)?

**DAY 2 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 10:1-11**

4. Compare verse 1 with verse 10. What criticisms had some Corinthians made against Paul?
5. a. Paul's weapons have \_\_\_\_\_ power to \_\_\_\_\_.  
b. His spiritual weapons would accomplish what in verse 5?  
  
c. How do you think we can take thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ?
6. When Paul went to Corinth, what would he be ready to do?
7. In forming their opinion of Paul's authority, what did he tell them in vs.7?
8. Paul's motive for using his authority was what?
9. In verse 11, what did Paul sternly warn?

**DAY 3 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 10:12-18**

10. To measure ministry, what is a false measurement in verse 12?
11. How could Paul answer these questions about his ministry?
  - a. Am I where God wants me to be?  
2 Corinthians 10:13  
  
Ephesians 3:8
  - b. Is God glorified in my ministry?  
2 Corinthians 10:17  
  
Colossians 3:23
  - c. Can the Lord commend my work?  
2 Corinthians 10:18  
  
2 Timothy 4:7,8
12. How about you? Appreciate these Scriptures as you write them.
  - a. Am I where God wants me to be? Psalm 143:10
  - b. Is God glorified by my life and ministry? 1 Peter 2:12
  - c. Will the Lord commend my work? Matthew 25:21

**DAY 4 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 11:1-15**

13. In verses 1-6, how did Paul view the Church and what dangers to the Corinthians did he see?
14. a. (IN-DEPTH) What was the "serpent's cunning" move on Eve?  
  
b. Name some ways Satan is still trying that same cunning on mankind today.
15. Who had supported Paul while he preached in Corinth?

**DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW 2 Corinthians 11:1-15**

16. What claim did Paul's opponents make for themselves?
17. a. What was Paul's accusation?
  - b. What did Paul say about Satan?
  - c. What was Jesus' warning in Matthew 7:15-23?
  - d. What criteria do you have to discern false teachers? Please share.

**DAY 5 REVIEW 2 Corinthians 11:16-33**

18. What do verses 19,20 reveal about the Corinthians' relationship with these false teachers?
19. If the false teachers wanted to boast, Paul would too.
  - a. In verses 21b-27, of what did Paul boast?
  - b. What inner sufferings did he have?
20. a. These sufferings were incredible and Paul had his weak moments too. What from his early Christian days did he relate to show his weakness?
  - b. How do you think that was a sign of weakness for him?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**