

*2 Corinthians Series: "Learning to Lean on God"*

**"Will the Real 'Super-Apostle' Please Stand Up?"** David Owens

2 Corinthians 11:1-6

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***Introduction:***

- A. In today's scripture section we want to notice Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ as an apostle.
- B. What was it that made him the \_\_\_\_\_, while his opponents were \_\_\_\_\_?
- C. Today we will be challenged to examine our own \_\_\_\_\_ as a follower of Jesus—how real is our \_\_\_\_\_?

***I. Understanding the Word***

- A. We will notice that Paul is going to have to do some things that are completely \_\_\_\_\_ to him - He is going to have to draw \_\_\_\_\_ to himself and \_\_\_\_\_ himself with others.
- B. Paul began by using a picture from Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ customs.
- C. This led Paul to draw upon another well-known theme - the temptation and rebellion of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. There were men in Corinth preaching their own \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity and believed it was \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul's.
- E. Paul admitted that they may be better equipped \_\_\_\_\_ than he, but he knew what he was \_\_\_\_\_ about, and they did not.
- F. It appears that Paul never accepted \_\_\_\_\_ support from any church he was working with at the time.
- G. Paul's opponents made his \_\_\_\_\_ a charge against him.
- H. Paul leveled some of his harshest words against his opponents - ultimately concluding that they were in service to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I. Paul's greatest credential was the amount that he had \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. (Acts 9:16)
- J. The crescendo of the passage is Paul's statement - "If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my \_\_\_\_\_."

***II. Applying the Word***

- A. We should beware of being drawn away to a different \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We should be challenged by the extent to which Paul was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.
- C. We should make our greatest boast our \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.

Answer Key: Intro. A. credentials. B. real, deal, imposters. C. authenticity, discipleship. I.A. distasteful, attention, compare. I.B. marriage. I.C. Eve, garden. I.D. version, superior. I.E. orators, talking. I.F. financial. I.G. independence. I.H. Satan. I.I. suffered. I.J. weakness. II.A. master. II.B. suffer, serve. II.C. need.