2 Corinthians Series: “Learning to Lean on God”
“Will the Real ‘Super-Apostle’ Please Stand Up?”  David Owens
2 Corinthians 11:1-6  5.09.10

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 _______ 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.