

**CAUSE FOR CONCERN**  
**2 CORINTHIANS 12:11-21 / 10-23-16 PM**

**I. FIRST, LEADERS NEED THICK SKINS.**

- A. Leadership is hard.
- B. Moses found this out the hard way--Ex. 17:2, Num 14:2 and 21:5.
- C. Paul also knew well that he needed thick skin--12:11.
- D. How did Paul respond?
  - 1. He didn't defend himself--12:19.
  - 2. He didn't quit.
  - 3. He didn't throw mud back.
  - 4. His goal was to please God not men--Gal. 1:10.

**II. SECOND, GODLINESS MUST ALWAYS BE THE STANDARD.**

- A. Christians are called to be holy--1 Peter 1:15-16 and 2 Peter 3:11.
- B. Paul's dealings with them was always in a godly manner.
  - 1. His concern for them was not motivated by personal gain--12:14.
  - 2. Paul planned to spend his own money during his visit to them--12:15-18.

**III. THIRD, GODLESSNESS MUST BE CONFRONTED.**

- A. Paul was ready to confront the godlessness--12:20a.
- B. There was no doubt about their godlessness
  - 1. Paul listed eight problems in the church--12:20b.
  - 2. Paul feared that some may refuse to repent--12:21b.