

RESPONDING TO CRITICS
2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6 / SEPT. 11, 2016 PM

I. THE FIRST CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST PAUL.

- A. It's like hearing just one side of an argument.
- B. His critics charged him with being a coward --1b.

II. HOW DID PAUL RESPOND?

- A. First Paul defends his personality style.
 - 1. He begins with the phrase "**I, Paul**"--1
 - 2. Paul modeled his personality after Christ--1a & 2a.
- B. Second, Paul defended his lifestyle.
 - 1. His critics lifestyle was "worldly" or carnal--2b.
 - 2. Christians live in the world but not like the world--3.
- C. Third, Paul defended his ministry style--4.
 - 1. Paul saw ministry as spiritual warfare.
 - 2. The weapons at our disposal aren't weapons the world uses--5.
 - 3. Strongholds probably refers to human thinking--1 Cor. 1:18.
 - 4. We are empowered to live obedient lives and confront disobedience--v.6.