



“Leadership”

Wielding Influence
II Corinthians 10:7-11

Influencing through:

I. Acceptance – “trusts to himself that he is Christ’s” (v. 7)

Acceptance that:

- A. Investigates** – “ye look on things after the outward appearance”
- B. Identifies** – “let him of himself think this again”
- C. Includes** – “as he is Christ’s, even so are we Christ’s”

II. Authority - “boast somewhat more of our authority” (v. 8)

Authority that considers the:

- A. Source** – “which the Lord has given us”
- B. Strategy** – “for edification and not your destruction”
- C. Shamelessness** – “I should not be ashamed”

III. Authenticity – “such also we will be in deed” (vs. 9-11)

Authenticity that is:

- A. Caring** - “That I may not seem as if I would terrify you”
- B. Courteous** – “his bodily presence is weak... speech contemptible”
- C. Consistent** - “Let such a person consider this, that what we are”

Sentence Sermon

“We are called to lead others in achieving the goals God has given them.”

Additional Verses

- *Matthew 12:19-21*
- *II Corinthians 4:7*
- *I Corinthians 2:1-5*
- *I Samuel 16:7*
- *Romans 13:1*
- *Matthew 20:25-28*
- *Ephesians 4:12-13, 16*
- *I Corinthians 4:1-2*
- *I Timothy 3:1*
- *Jeremiah 45:5*
- *Colossians 3:12-17*
- *John 1:12*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What are “things after the outward appearance?”
4. What effect does it have to recognize that others are Christ’s?
5. Why didn’t Paul boast about his Apostolic authority?
6. What are some ways that those in authority can build up others?
7. How do some believers unfairly try to shame their leaders?
8. What does the contents of verse 9 and 10 tell us about Paul?
9. Why would Paul give such a stern warning as he does in verse 11?
10. Have you ever experienced having an authentic and accepting leader?
11. In what roles has God given you authority to wield for someone’s benefit?