

“Godly Jealousy”

Introduction: God is jealous over His people, and pastors are jealous over their flocks. Paul was jealous for the church of Corinth and had to show them his displeasure with the false teachers who were promoting themselves above all others and deceiving the church.

- I. Paul's _____ (2 Cor. 11:1-12)
 - A. Paul was embarrassed he had to take time to _____ himself against false accusations.
 - B. His purpose of defending himself was to show them who the _____ servants of God were, and to prove his love for them.
 - C. “Paul felt a personal _____ for the spiritual welfare of the Corinthian saints” (MacDonald).
 - D. Godly jealousy is the same kind a husband or wife would have for their spouse—to be reserved completely and _____ for each other.
 - E. The Word of God is meant to be _____ and understood—Satan appeals to the mind and intellect with the bait of “deeper knowledge.” (1 Jn. 2:27).
 - F. Paul may have been humble in the way he presented himself and preached, but he had a vast _____ of Scripture.
 - G. He was never looking for what he could _____ from the church, but for what he could give them.
 - H. _____ was Paul's motivation for everything he did in the ministry.
- II. Paul's _____ (2 Cor. 11:13-15)
 - A. Paul knew who the false apostles _____ were.
 - B. “Satan is never more satanic than when he carries a _____” (Darby).
 - C. Satan will use Scripture, but he will insert _____ or take it out of context (Matt. 4:6; Ps. 91:11-12).
 - D. Beware of having _____ with the Devil (Gen. 3).
- III. Paul's _____ (2 Cor. 11:16-33)
 - A. Paul was not following Christ's example here because Jesus never boasted or _____ Himself when criticized (Is. 53:7; Matt. 26:62-63).
 - B. The Corinthians allowed the false teachers to take _____ of them because they were fooled by their credentials.
 - C. Paul's answer to them was not a diploma or letter of recommendation—it was his _____ for the Lord.
 - D. Only someone who truly loved the Lord and those he ministered to would be willing to endure so many _____ in the work of God.

Conclusion: “When the Devil saw that persecution would not stop the church, he changed to a different tactic. He joined the church. He began to hurt the church from inside. He still does that today. He attacks the validity of the Word of God, and tries to discredit the gospel. If that doesn't work, he tries to discredit the man who preaches the gospel” (McGee).