

Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians

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- **11:16-33** – Paul's genuine boasting and his opponents' false boasting

Paul's foolishness and boasting

- What kind of “foolishness” and “boasting” (11:1, 16-18) did Paul engage in? He normally would not speak this way (11:23). He was compelled (12:11) or forced to speak like a fool in order to answer his opponents.

Paul's foolishness and boasting

- His “foolishness” consisted of bringing attention to himself to describe his qualifications and credentials (e.g. 11:5-6, 23-33), only to answer his opponents and protect the Corinthians from them. It was a method of defense.

Paul's foolishness and boasting

- What kind of “boasting” did Paul engage in? He boasted only in what was true (10:8; 11:10) and what pertained to his weaknesses (11:30) in order to inform the Corinthians and answer his opponents.

Paul's foolishness and boasting

- Paul spoke “foolishly” and “boasted” not for personal gain, but as a necessary measure to defend and demonstrate his legitimate claim to apostleship authority.

Παρθένος = virgin (11:2)



2 Corinthians 11:12

And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about.
(NIV)

2 Corinthians 11:12

And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. (ESV)

2 Corinthians 11:12

But I will continue to do what I am doing, in order to deny the opportunity of those who want an opportunity to be regarded just as our equals in what they boast about. (HCSB)

2 Corinthians 11:12

And what I am doing I will continue to do, so that I may eliminate any opportunity for those who want a chance to be regarded as our equals in the things they boast about.

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Paul's Labors and Sufferings

- Labors
- Prisons (Acts 16:23ff)
- Stripes
- Deaths (2 Cor. 1:8-9; 4:11)
- Beaten with rods (Acts 16:22-23)

Paul's Labors and Sufferings

- Stoned (Acts 14:19)
- Shipwreck (earlier than Acts 27)
- The deep (sea)
- Journeyings
- Perils of rivers

Paul's Labors and Sufferings

- Perils of robbers
- Perils of Jews (Acts 9; 13; 14; 17; 18)
- Perils of Gentiles (Acts 14; 16; 19)
- Perils in the city (Acts 9; 13-14; 16-19)
- Perils in the wilderness

Paul's Labors and Sufferings

- Perils in the sea
- Perils from false brethren (Gal.; 2 Cor.)
- Labor and travail
- Watchings (Acts 20:31)
- Hunger and thirsting

Paul's Labors and Sufferings

- Fastings (Acts 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:5)
- Cold and nakedness
- Anxiety for all the churches
- In Damascus (Acts 9:23-25)