

The Measuring Stick

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2 Corinthians 10:12-18

When a child says they're bigger than or better than or—we smile. When an adult does that, we are not amused. Neither is Paul in 2 Corinthians, chapter 10. The false teachers like to strut about; how superior they seem, their lives, their teachings, and their practices. Not only that, they are trying to undermine Paul, his work and authority. Paul responds to these false teachers as Jesus did to the Pharisees. He puts them soundly in their place. Sounds like the Pharisees, doesn't it?

Then Paul simply states what work he has done among the Corinthians, and why he has authority over the Corinthian church. Paul refuses to boast in what he was before the Damascus Road, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, or even in what he has done since his call to be an apostle. Yet the measuring stick for Paul, and for us, is Christ—the only one we should measure ourselves by. Are we growing in him? Are we becoming more like him? Would our life, our words, our actions and our thoughts receive Christ's "Well done!"?

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