



**DEVOTED:** Proskartereo is a compound verb consisting of **pros**, meaning “toward” and **kartereo**, meaning “to be strong.” Commonly defined as to give oneself wholly to or to be enthusiastically committed to a person, practice or calling.

*Even Simon believed, and after he was baptized, he became devoted to (Proskartereo) Philip. Acts 8:13a GW*

*They even exceeded our expectations, because they gave themselves to the Lord first and to us, consistent with God's will. 2 Corinthians 8:5 CEB*

- Some leaders should not be followed because they preach \_\_\_\_\_.

*If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. <sup>11</sup> Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work. 2 John 10, 11 NIV*

- Some leaders will not be followed because they preach the \_\_\_\_\_.

*...it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, <sup>14</sup> and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn...you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. <sup>15</sup> Where ... is your blessing of me now? ... if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? Galatians 4:13-16 NIV*

## A CASE STUDY ON PAUL'S LEADERSHIP AND CORINTH'S FOLLOWSHIP

### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ CALLS THE CORINTHIANS AND \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOLLOW PAUL.

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV*  
*Join together in following my example...and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. Philippians 3:17 NIV*

### 2. THE CORINTHIANS' PROBLEM WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL?

**Note:** Many \_\_\_\_\_ Paul, some \_\_\_\_\_ Paul, and all were at \_\_\_\_\_.

*Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. <sup>17</sup> Their teaching will spread like gangrene. 2 Timothy 2:16-17 NIV*

**Rejection Reason #1 – Some thought Paul was \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Yet some of you are saying, “Paul’s letters are bold enough when he is far away, but when he gets here, he will be afraid to raise his voice!” 2 Corinthians 10:10 TLB*

**Rejection Reason #2 – Paul was \_\_\_\_\_, and his speaking was \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Some say, “in person, he is weak, and his speeches are worthless!” 2 Cor 10:10 NLT*

**Rejection Reason #3 – Corinth had leaders \_\_\_\_\_ to the apostle Paul**

*Oh, don’t worry; we wouldn’t dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant! 2 Corinthians 10:12 NLT*

## 3. THE APOSTLE PAUL’S RESPONSE TO HIS CORINTHIAN CRITICS

**Paul's response to the accusation of being duplicitous. – \_\_\_\_\_**

*Such a person must understand that there is no difference between what we write in our letters when we are away and what we will do when we are there with you. 2 Corinthians 10:11 GNB*

**His response to being weak and a substandard speaker. – \_\_\_\_\_**

*We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. <sup>4</sup> We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. <sup>5</sup> We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NLT*

**Paul's response to the inferiority accusation. \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Look at the obvious facts. Those who say they belong to Christ must recognize that we belong to Christ as much as they do. <sup>13</sup> We will not boast about things done outside our area of authority. We will boast only about what has happened within the boundaries of the work God has given us, which includes our working with you. <sup>14</sup> We are not reaching beyond these boundaries when we claim authority over you, as if we had never visited you. For we were the first to travel all the way to Corinth with the Good News of Christ. <sup>15</sup> Nor do we boast and claim credit for the work someone else has done. Instead, we hope that your faith will grow so that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended. <sup>16</sup> Then we will be able to go and preach the Good News in other places far beyond you, where no one else is working. Then there will be no question of our boasting about work done in someone else’s territory. <sup>17</sup> As the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.”<sup>[</sup> 2 Corinthians 10:7, 13-17 NLT*

*Have you been thinking all along that we were defending ourselves to you? No, in the sight of God, we are speaking in Christ, and everything, dear friends, is for building you up. 2 Corinthians 12:19 CSB*

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