

Questions on 2 Corinthians chapter 11

1. What is it that Paul refers to as his “folly”? Verse 1.

2. What is meant by “godly jealousy”? What is the obligation of the church at Corinth as “a chaste virgin” espoused to Christ? Verse 2.

3. Upon what narrative from the Old Testament does Paul put his stamp of approval? What is Paul’s fear concerning the church at Corinth and how would it come about? Verse 3.

4. Does Paul really mean that the Corinthians should bear with the one who comes preaching another Jesus, another spirit, or another gospel, or is there some other explanation? Verse 4.

5. By the term, “chiefest apostles,” does Paul refer to Peter, James, and John, or to the “false apostles” who had come to Corinth? If we take the definition of “rude” as “forceful or abrupt,” what does that do to the idea that Paul was a poor speaker? Verses 5-6.

6. What is the answer to Paul's rhetorical question? How did Paul keep himself from being burdensome to those at Corinth? Verses 7-9.

7. If we consider that Paul gloried in the fact that he had not accepted funds from Achaia while the false apostles did, what did that do to the false apostles? Verses 10-12.

8. How does Paul characterize the false teachers at Corinth? Why is it that he is not surprised that they could transform "themselves into the apostles of Christ"? Verses 13-15.

9. When Paul used the phrase, "not after the Lord," did that mean he didn't speak by inspiration or that it was not the Lord's usual method but permitted to save a church? Verses 16-17.

10. Who were those who were glorying "after the flesh"? Verse 18.

11. What is the meaning of Paul's irony? Verse 19.

12. According to Paul, why should they bear with him even if he is speaking foolishly? Verse 20.

13. What is ironic in Paul's comparison of himself with the self-described super apostles? Verse 21.

14. What is Paul's reply to their "glorying after the flesh"? Verse 22.

15. What four things are mentioned in this verse as evidence that he is more of a minister of Christ? Verse 23.

16. How is this different from the stripes mentioned in the previous verse? Verse 24.

17. Can you think of a recorded instance of each of these incidents? Verse 25.

18. What nine things are mentioned in this verse? Verse 26.

19. Under what circumstances do you think these occurred? Verse 27.

20. What concern of Paul superseded all others? Verse 28.

21. How does Paul identify with those at Corinth? Verses 29-30.

22. Although it seems unreasonable that such a list of things could be given, what assurance does Paul give about it? Verse 31.

23. Where is this incident recorded in the New Testament? Verse 32.

24. Why do you think Paul recorded this incident here? Verse 33.