

Paul and the False Apostles - 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

Topics: Deceit, Devotion, Gospel, Jealousy, Money, Purity, Satan, Toleration, Witnessing

Open It

1. When is it difficult to hold to your convictions?
2. When was the first time you remember being jealous?
- * 3. What widely followed practices might a person be criticized for not doing?

Explore It

4. Why did Paul ask the Corinthians to put up with him? (11:1)
5. Of whom was Paul jealous? Why? (11:2)
6. Why was Paul jealous? (11:2)
7. To what biblical event did Paul compare the Corinthians' risk of deception? (11:3)
8. Why did Paul ask the Corinthians to put up with his boasting? (11:4)
- * 9. Why was Paul sarcastic about the "super-apostles"? (11:5)
10. What criticism did Paul's opponents voice against him? (11:6)
11. How did Paul respond to his opponents' criticism? (11:6)
12. Why did Paul "lower himself"? (11:7)
- * 13. How did Paul make sure he was not a burden on the Corinthians? (11:7-9)
14. Why did Paul accept support from the Macedonian Christians while in Corinth, yet refuse to accept money from the Corinthians themselves? (11:8-12)
- * 15. How did Paul's behavior contrast with that of his opponents? (11:12)
16. How did Paul's opponents try to deceive the Corinthians? (11:13-15)

Get It

17. What qualities do you think should characterize a minister of Christ?
18. How does godly jealousy differ from worldly jealousy?
19. Who is one person you are concerned may abandon Christ?
20. Who are false prophets in our society?
- * 21. How do modern-day false prophets try to deceive Christians?
22. How should we respond to those people who claim a spiritual authority that they do not have?
- * 23. What can you do to avoid being deceived in spiritual matters by the world?
24. In what way should we follow Paul's example in matters of financial support and accountability?

Apply It

25. What is one thing you can do this week to help your Christian friends stay loyal to Christ?
- * 26. What is one step you can take this week to guard against the deceit of false prophets and evil pressures?