

Sermon Outline

EXERCISING AUTHORITY AND GENTLENESS | Bernie Leo

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-18

1. Unimpressive?

Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, dear friends, is for your strengthening. (2 Corinthians 12:19)

2. Humility & gentleness (vv1-2)

a. Character of Christ

b. Criticism

3. Weapons with divine power (vv2-6)

a. Not of the world

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace." (2 Corinthians 1:12)

b. Demolishes, takes captive, punishes

c. Who's really being assessed?

4. Consistent in letter and actions (vv7-11)

a. Judging by appearances

b. Building up

c. When absent and when present

5. One whom the Lord commends (vv12-18)

a. Commending themselves

b. Boasting in the Lord

"¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

c. The Lord commends

6. Divine power today

a. How do you feel about Paul's unimpressiveness?

b. Confidence in the Scriptures

c. What are our strongholds?

d. Gospel beyond