

**Questions**

- 1 Why meek and gentle appeal?  
Why does he say 'timid' when face to face and 'bold' when away?
- 2 Why did he say 'beg'?  
What are the standards of the world?
- 3 How does the world wage war?  
What kind of weapons do the world have?
- 4 What kind of weapons will destroy Spiritual strongholds?  
How do they demolish arguments?  
What does it mean to make every thought captive to Christ?
- 5 What does 'every pretension' mean.
- 6 When will their obedience be complete?  
How will they punish acts of disobedience?
- 7 What does he mean on the surface of things?  
Why should 'belonging to Christ' be an issue?
- 8 Why would he not be ashamed of 'boasting'?
- 12 Who are commending themselves?  
Who else might they compare themselves with?
- 13 What are our 'proper limits'?
- 15 What works was done by others?  
How does he know their faith will continue to grow?
- 16 What regions are beyond them?
- 17 Why does he repeat 'Let Him who boasts boast in the Lord'?
- 18 Who do they commend themselves to?

**????** Why if the repentance of the Corinthians is so complete (7:6) does he rehearse his conflict with some within the church? – *He wants them to understand the conflict that there has been and not to make the same mistake again.*

**Summary**

'For Christ's sake, willingly heed my warning. We will deal with opposition to the church by the Spirit of Christ (1-6)

We belong to Christ and when we come it will be seen to be so (7-11)

Unlike some of you we have nothing to commend ourselves by but Christ (12-14)

Our limit is our calling among you. The Lord Himself is in charge (15-18)

**Main Point** Those who lead in Jesus' name do so under the absolute authority of the Word of God.

**Key verse** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the Knowledge of God and we take every thought captive to Christ (5)

## **God?**

- a) His nature and character?
  - 1 Christian authority is always in the first instance gentle and meek
  - 7 God owns everything
  - 8 The Lord gives authority
  - 13 God assigns us situation to do His Work in
- b) His grace?
  - 18 The Lord sovereignly commends us
- c) Jesus and His salvation?
  - 14 God's message is the Gospel of Christ

## **I do?**

- 2 Respond to God's authority willingly
- 5 Acknowledge that the knowledge of God / obedience to Christ is absolute
- 6 Be prepared in Christian leadership to punish disobedience 'at the end of the day'
- 7 Do not view things 'only on the surface'.  
Christian confidence should be measured against the Word of God.
- 8 Never be ashamed of the Lord's commission to 'build His church'.
- 11 Be consistent – let your deeds match your words.
- 12 Always compare yourselves with Jesus NOT with other people.
- 13-15 Confine your speech to the areas that God has called you to minister in
- 16 Boast not in yourself but in the Lord.