

## 22 – ANTICIPATED RESPONSE (2 CORINTHIANS 12:11-21)

### I. The Marks of an Apostle (2 Corinthians 12:11-13)

#### A. Paul's Reflection on His Boasting (2 Corinthians 12:11a)

- Paul tells them that they are responsible for his foolish boasting.

#### B. Their Appropriate Response (2 Corinthians 12:11b)

- They should have recognized that he was equal to the other apostles.

#### C. The Evidence of Apostleship Among Them (2 Corinthians 12:12)

- He proved his apostleship by performing miraculous signs among them.

#### D. The Difference of His Apostleship (2 Corinthians 12:13)

- The only difference in his apostleship was that he refused to burden them.

### II. A Refusal to Burden the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 12:14-18)

#### A. Paul's Plan for a Third Visit (2 Corinthians 12:14a)

- Paul told them that he was ready to come to them for a third visit.

#### B. His Refusal to Burden Them (2 Corinthians 12:14b)

- Paul stated that he will not burden them for support.

#### C. The Example of Parents (2 Corinthians 12:14c)

- Paul points out that no parent would burden his children.

#### D. Paul's Provision for Them (2 Corinthians 12:15)

- Paul points out that he would give of himself for their needs.

#### E. The Attitude of Some of the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 12:16)

- Some of the Corinthians thought Paul was merely tricking them by his actions.

#### F. Paul's Past Record (2 Corinthians 12:17-18)

- Paul pointed to the fact that he and the others sent by him had not taken advantage.

### III. The True Motive for Boasting (2 Corinthians 12:19-21)

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### A. The Purpose for Boasting (2 Corinthians 12:19)

- Paul's purpose for boasting was their spiritual growth.

### B. Paul's Fears (2 Corinthians 12:20)

#### 1. Their State

- Paul feared that he would find that they have not changed.

#### 2. Their View of Paul

- Paul also feared that they would not change in their view of him.

#### 3. Their Actions

- Paul also feared that they would be marked by sin.

### C. Paul's Grief (2 Corinthians 12:21)

- Paul was grieved at the prospect of having to exercise discipline among them.