



“Ministry”

The Pitfalls
II Corinthians 10:12-18

Pitfalls of unhealthy:

I. Comparison – “comparing themselves” (v. 12)

Unwise in their own:

- A. **C** _____ – “For we dare not make ourselves”
- B. **C** _____ – “make ourselves of the number”
- C. **C** _____ – “with some that commend themselves”

II. Competition - “for we are come as far as to you” (vs. 13-16)

Unique in:

- A. **C** _____ – “which God has distributed to us”
- B. **Co** _____ – “not boasting...of other men’s labors”
- C. **Com** _____ – “of things made ready to our hand”

III. Commendation – “not he that commends himself” (vs. 16-18)

Unambiguous:

- A. **Pre** _____ - “To preach the gospel in regions beyond”
- B. **P** _____ – “let him glory in the Lord”
- C. **P** _____ - “whom the Lord commends”

Sentence Sermon

“The carnality of comparison distracts the believer from focusing on faithfulness and fruitfulness.”

Additional Verses

- **Romans 15:20**
- **Jeremiah 9:24**
- **Philippians 4:13**
- **I Corinthians 4:2**
- **Acts 9:15; 22:21**
- **Galatians 2:9**
- **Ephesians 3:1-3**
- **Revelation 2:8-11; 3:14-22**
- **I Corinthians 10:12**
- **John 15:1-8**
- **Galatians 6:14**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why is it so tempting for us to compare ourselves to others?
4. In what areas do you struggle with measuring yourself by others?
5. What is the “measure of the rule God has distributed” to us?
6. How do we balance Paul’s statement in verse 14 with verse 17?
7. What is Paul’s hope for the church at Corinth? Why? (hint: verses 15-16)
8. Why was Paul careful not to boast in another man’s work?
9. How can we apply Paul’s rule concerning boasting in someone else’s work?
10. What are some practical ways we can glory in the Lord?
11. How do we know if the Lord approves of our ministry? _