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2 Corinthians 11:16-22

Title: Consider me a fool

Paul chastises his readers for tolerating the foolish (2 Corinthians 11:16-20). Let that be a lesson for us — identify fools, but don't give them your ear.

**Remember we discussed how anyone
who boasts should boast in the Lord?
The fools boasted in their flesh, but the
flesh has no intrinsic value.**

**Both the Pharisees and Sadducees
thought their flesh (their lineage) had
value: Matthew 3:1-10**

**Many with Israelite lineage did not (and
do not) believe: Romans 10:11-21**

**Don't make the same mistakes as the
people of Israel did: 1 Corinthians
10:1-12**

Paul and the other apostles acted in a Christ-like manner to those at Corinth (2 Corinthians 11:21). Unfortunately, the false apostles ran roughshod over the people and the people accepted such.

**The apostles' “weakness” magnified
God's power working within them.**

**1 Corinthians 1:20-31, 1 Corinthians
2:3-5**

**Both Paul and Jesus Christ both share a
certain experience that testifies to their
gentle nature. Christ is our example:**

John 18:19-24, Acts 23:1-11

Paul's "boasting" mentioned his lineage, which he shared with the Judaizers who sought to sow discord among the people (2 Corinthians 11:22). We'll discuss the some of the rest of his list next week.

**If anyone could have put confidence in
their flesh, Paul could have. Notably, he
did not, and no one should: Philippians
3:1-11**

**How should we answer a fool once we
have identified one? Should we say
anything at all? Proverbs 26:4-5**

**Those at Corinth tolerated fools, but
that does not mean we have to. Be
careful about who has your ear, and
don't give your attention to people who
deviate from the scriptures.**

**Salvation is available to all today
because of the work Jesus Christ did on
the cross. Be wary of those who boast in
their flesh or any other characteristics.
Those who boast, should boast only in
the Lord.**

**We'll hear about a testimony next week
that is equal terrible and terrific. We'll
also consider what it means to have a
forehead like flint. Sometimes, being
hard-headed is good.**