Stop Scrolling

2 Corinthians 10:12-13, 17-18

Sermon Outline

A. Measures (Vs. 12):

1. **Bold; Courage** – Paul says that on a continually basis he dares not seek to compare himself with anyone. This is something he continually shuns.

2. **Bold** – When faced with difficulties shun relying completely on our own abilities.

3. **Class** – To class oneself is to once and for all judge or esteem oneself from being at a particular standard or rank.

4. **Class** – The standards of our culture must not determine how we judge ourselves.

5. **Compare** – Paul once and for all does not want to judge or make clear to everyone whether he is like the other leaders in the church of Corinth or not.

6. **Compare** – We must not limit our potential by comparing ourselves with other people.

7. **Commend; Held together** – They are those who continually make it known that they are at the same level as Paul.

8. **Commend** – Don’t compare yourself by those who claim to be successful.

9. **Commend** – Don’t allow how other people present themselves to affect how you feel.

10. **Measure** – These leaders continually, by their own standard, determined what level of ministry God gave them by their standards they created.

11. **Compare** – They also once judged or make clear to everyone whether, based on their standard how they compared themselves to Paul (11:12-15).

12. **Measure themselves by themselves** – Don’t allow the self-confidence of another impress you.

13. **Without understanding** – The leaders who do this continually do not have the right perception of the meaning of God’s Word.

14. **Without understanding** – Those who commend are continually living outside the will of God, totally relying on their own ability.

15. **Boast** – Paul refuses to express a high degree of pride or confidence (like bragging) beyond whatever God has ordered for him to do.

16. **Measure** – Christ divinely appointed Paul to a particular ministry focus. Paul is committed to not change the objective Christ gave him or have confidence in anything else.

17. **But within the measure** - Paul was going to maintain his focus in accordance with the will of God for his life so that he always remains dedicated on exercising his spiritual gift in the manner in which Christ bestowed upon him.

18. **Do not boast beyond our measure** – We must be disciplined to remain within our God given gifts and talents.
19. **Do not boast beyond our measure** – We must use our spiritual gifts for the unity of the church and our families.

20. **Of the sphere** - Paul accepted the ministry focused that Christ endowed upon him so that it became the standard or rule by which Paul was committed to conduct his life. Paul was not using this to determine how this compares with others. His focus was to be faithful to serve Gentiles wherever God leads him to do so.

21. **God apportioned** – God had once and for all assigned to Paul a particular set of responsibilities and this was all that Paul was going to task himself with.

22. **A measure** – Christ divinely appointed Paul to a particular ministry focus. Paul is committed to not change the objective Christ gave him or have confidence in anything else.

23. **Of the sphere God apportioned a measure** – We must not use our gifts to compete with one another.

24. **Of the sphere God apportioned a measure** – We must use what God has given to bless each other, not compete.

**B. No Competition (Vs. 17-18):**

1. **He who boast** – To boast here is a person who continually expresses a high degree of confidence about their ministry as being exceptional.

2. **Boast in the Lord** – Paul commands us to continually boast in the Lord, to the point of us making this a habit that we express a high degree of confidence; it must only be done based on the authority, power and might of the One of reigns over all. Our confidence must only rest in the ability God provides us through His Word.

3. **Lord** – We must allow God to shape us and therefore function under His authority (Philippians 2:21).

4. **Lord** – The Lord should be the one who determines our purpose and destiny.

5. **Lord** – When the Lord lead, we complement one another not compete (Ephesians 4:16).

6. **It is not he who commends himself** – No one should continually make themselves be the same as someone else who is doing well. We should not try to measure ourselves by someone else who is well respected.

7. **That is approved** – Not because we make it known that they are at the same level we are, therefore, acceptable before God.

8. **It is not he who commends himself that is approved** – A person’s successful appearance or strong self-confident does not confirm God’s blessings (Luke 12:13-21).

9. **Whom the Lord commends** - The One who has all authority, power and might is the one who continually determines how we measure up to the call He has on our lives, the spiritual gift He has freely provided us and level of responsibilities He has called us to serve.

10. **The Lord commends** – It is what God’s Word supports that is the blessing (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

11. **The Lord commends** – It is what God has to say about us that should shape us
(Psalm 1313-14).

12. **The Lord commends** – It is what God thinks of us that blesses us forever (1 Corinthians 15:58).

13. **The Lord commends** – Who we are for God complements, it does not compete (Ephesians 5:32).