

2CORINTHIANS 12:11-12

LESSON 45

PLEASE READ: As you begin this study, ask God to establish you in His Word. As the Psalmist prayed: “Establish my footsteps in Thy word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me (Psalm 119:133).”

Assignment: In the next week, read 2Corinthians Chapter 12 several times. Also, make sure you read all the verses noted in each question. Attempt to answer the questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

Questions:

- 1) Thinking of the context, what does Paul mean by the statement “I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me.” 2Cor 12:11

- 2) Who do you think the “most eminent apostles” or literally the “super apostles” are? Explain.

- 3) Is Paul being sarcastic in the middle and end of 12:11? If so what is the point he is making?

Textual note: The word translated “apostle” *apostolos* simply means sent one. It spoke of one who was sent on a mission or one sent for task. It was also used to speak of one sent on a special mission (i.e an envoi or official representative.) The word is used in Scripture to speak of both, one sent and one who has officially been sent as an Apostle of Jesus. Some error in their understanding of apostleship because they do not interpret this word in its context correctly. [Remember context determines the meaning of words.](#)

- 4) In 1:1 Paul identifies himself “an apostle.” Make observations concerning Paul’s apostleship from the following verses:
 - a) 1 Corinthians 15:6-10
 - b) Galatians 1:1
 - c) Romans 1:1
 - d) 1Cor. 1:1; 2Cor. 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1; 2Timothy 1:1
 - e) 1Timothy 1:1
 - f) 1 Timothy 2:1-7; 2 Timothy 1:8-11
 - g) Eph. 4:8-11; 1 Cor. 12:28-29

- 5) From Titus 1:1, Paul an apostle of _____.

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- 6) From the following verses, how many apostles were chosen and who personally chose them? Matthew 10:2-4 Luke 6:12-16
- 7) How many “apostles of the Lamb” are spoken of in Revelation 21:14? _____
- 8) Who did man pick to replace Judas? Acts 1:15-26. Who did Jesus personally pick in Acts 9:1-6 & 9:15 and Acts 26:11-20?
- 9) What does Paul say is one qualification for apostleship in 1Corinthians 9:1?
- 10)What was it that confirmed the ministry of a true apostle? 2 Corinthians 12:11-12, Hebrews 2:4 (See 2:1-4 for context)
- 11) If there are only _____ (your answer in 7) “apostles of the Lamb” Explain why the following are called apostles:
- a) Acts 14:14 (See Acts 13:2-4 also)

 - b) Gal. 1:19
- 12)How many apostles were in the “twelve” spoken of in 1Corinthians 15:5? Explain.
- 13)Why are there no more apostles? Your answer to question 7) and Eph.2:19-20 may help.
- 14)2Corinthians 11:12-15 reveals there are _____ apostles. Describe them. What is someone who claims to be an apostle now and thus whose servant would he be?
- 15)In 1Cor 15:10 Paul reveals what was behind his apostleship. Do you see your spiritual gifting in the same way? How do 1Peter 4:10, Romans 12:6 Eph. 4:7 relate?