

Home Group Helps

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

Combat for Truth

I. Call for Action (v.1-2) – Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ– I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent! ² I ask that when I am present I *need* not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh.

II. Combat for Truth (v.3-5) – ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

III. Correction of Error (v.6) – ⁶ and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.

1. Launching Question(s):

- What is an example of you being appropriately angry in the past few weeks?

2. Observation Question(s):

- Paul points to the example of meekness and gentleness found in Jesus Christ Himself.
- What are some examples of meekness and gentleness seen in Christ's life?
- What are some examples of His boldness?
- Is there a contradiction between these traits?

3. Interpretation Question(s):

- Paul uses military metaphors (weapons, warfare, destruction of fortresses, destroying, taking captives, etc.) to describe his ministry.
- Why are these metaphors appropriate?
- What is the enemy in this context (see v. 5)?
- What are some fortresses of "speculations" and "lofty things raised up against the knowledge of God" in our culture?

4. Reflection Question(s):

- Consider what Scripture says:
 - "You who love the LORD, hate evil!" (*Psalms 97:10*)
 - "The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil" (*Proverbs 8:13*)
 - "Hate evil, and love good" (*Amos 5:15*)
 - "Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good" (*Romans 12:9*)
- Is there an appropriate time/circumstance for hatred in the life of the believer?
- What might appropriate hatred look like?

5. Application Question(s):

- How might you turn your anger to prayer and action this week?