



# How to Boast

2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10

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## 1. Boast about my L\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 10:17** But he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord.

## 2. Boast about my Lord's power in my w\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 11:16** Again I say, let no one think me foolish; but if *you do*, receive me even as foolish, that I also may boast a little.

<sup>17</sup> That which I am speaking, I am not speaking as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting.

<sup>18</sup> Since many boast according to the flesh, I will boast also.

<sup>19</sup> For you, being so wise, bear with the foolish gladly.

<sup>20</sup> For you bear with anyone if he enslaves you, if he devours you, if he takes advantage of you, if he exalts himself, if he hits you in the face.

<sup>21</sup> To *my* shame I *must* say that we have been weak *by comparison*. But in whatever respect anyone *else* is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am just as bold myself.

<sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

<sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*.

<sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

<sup>26</sup> *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

<sup>27</sup> *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

<sup>28</sup> Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure upon me *of* concern for all the churches.

<sup>29</sup> Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern?

<sup>30</sup> If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.

<sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

<sup>32</sup> In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,

<sup>33</sup> and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

**12:1** Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

<sup>3</sup> And I know how such a man-- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows--

<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise, and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

<sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a man will I boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to *my* weaknesses.

<sup>6</sup> For if I do wish to boast I shall not be foolish, for I shall be speaking the truth; but I refrain *from this*, so that no one may credit me with more than he sees *in* me or hears from me.

<sup>7</sup> And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me-- to keep me from exalting myself!

<sup>8</sup> Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

<sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.