



URGENTLY DEVOTED

LEADERS YOU MUST NEVER TOLERATE
2 CORINTHIANS 11:16-21

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2 Cor. 11:16 *I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. 17 What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not as the Lord would but as a fool. 18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast. 19 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! 20 For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. 21 To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. (ESV)*

1. Know _____ (vv.16-21)

2. Spot _____ (v.20)

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Ezekiel 34:1-4**. God's indictment centers on shepherds driven by self-interest. If you were mentoring someone considering full-time ministry, what from this passage would you most want them to grasp first?
2. Read **Titus 2:15** and **1 Peter 5:1-3**. Both passages call for genuine pastoral authority while warning against domineering. How would you describe the line between those two things, and what does crossing it look like?
3. Read **Matthew 23:1-7**. Jesus exposes leaders who perform for an audience and crave public honor. Invert this text and seek to show what genuine Christlike leadership would look like in its place.
4. Read **Galatians 1:6-8**. Paul says even an angel from heaven preaching a false gospel must be rejected. What does that tell us about how much weight to give a teacher's impressiveness or charisma?
5. Read **Romans 16:17-18**. Why do you imagine a self-serving leader would rely on flattery and smooth talk? How might those tools help him cause division while advancing his own appetites and agenda?

Streaming of both the audio and video of today's sermon is available on the Compass website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 12-64 – **The Headship of Christ & Pastoral Leadership**
- Msg. 18-04 – **Submitting to Christ's Sovereign Authority**
- Msg. 19-31 – **Coached by the Right Leaders**
- Msg. 19-26 – **Confident in Our King**
- Msg. 20-42 – **The Fear of God: And Our Leaders**
- Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**
- Msg. 11-34 – **Working Harder at Love & Unity**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

May 10 th	1Kgs.21-22 & Jn.3:1-21
May 11 th	2Kgs.1-3 & Jn.3:22-36
May 12 th	2Kgs.4-5 & Jn.4:1-30
May 13 th	2Kgs.6-8 & Jn.4:31-54
May 14 th	2Kgs.9-11 & Jn.5:1-24
May 15 th	2Kgs.12-14 & Jn.5:25-47
May 16 th	2Kgs.15-17 & Jn.6:1-21
May 17 th	2Kgs.18-19 & Jn.6:22-44

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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- Wax, Trevin. **Counterfeit Gospels: Rediscovering the Good News in a World of False Hope**. Moody Publishers, 2011.
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