June 5, 2022 II Corinthians 10:12-11:15 "The One The Lord Commends"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

At the Judgment Seat Of Christ where all believers/saints will one day gather; self commendation will amount to nothing, only the Lord's approval will matter.

Instead of resisting the devil, Eve listened and succumbed to the devil's cunning trickery. The devil's representatives in Corinth were also seductive. Instead of them being spurned, they were <u>tolerated</u>. Christians are to single-mindedly love and obey the Lord. Instead, they were dangerously open to a different gospel, a different spirit.

"I am afraid" points to reasonable doubt as to whether or not some in Corinth were being loyal to the Lord. They had been infiltrated and they <u>tolerated</u> error.

Paul calls out the false apostles for being shams. They claimed to be ambassadors of Christ when in reality they were emissaries (servants) of Satan.

Satan masquerades around like an angel of light and so were these false apostles. They may have looked righteous outwardly but inside they were hypocrites and men of lawlessness, see Matthew 23:27-28.

Paul was a humble man. The only glory he was interested in was the Lord's glory.

Application:

Micah 6:6-8, "With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Focus on the Lord and the umbrella of influence He has given you!