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## **Evidence Of Paul's Difficulties:**

10:1 — sarcastic description of self

10:2 — Paul acknowledges his challengers

10:12 — troublemakers endorsing one another as legitimate

11:4,5 & 12:11 — false teachers & "super-apostles"

11:12,13 — others want to be Paul's equal as an apostle

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Paul's Evidence For His Apostleship

His confidence & boasting were only in Christ. (10:3-18)

He shared the Gospel because of his love for them, not for profit. (11:1-21 & 12:14-21)

He was willing to suffer in great ways for the sake of the Gospel. (11:21-33)

He speaks of "his" being caught up to the third heaven. (12:1-5)

He speaks of signs, wonders, and miracles that he did among the Corinthians while he was with them. (12:11-13)

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## APPLICATION: Can we defend our own discipleship?

Are our boastings in Christ or in the things of this world?

Do we serve Christ for His sake or for other motivations?

Have we been willing to suffer for His name's sake?

Have the signs of a changed believer in Christ been seen in our lives?

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