

**The Treasures of Faith**  
**25 Authority and Edification**  
**2 Corinthians 10:7-12**  
**October 7, 2021**

**Equality in Christ**

Discuss how salvation makes us all equal. Use 2 Corinthians 10:7 and Galatians 3:28-29 as guides.

In James 2:8-9 partiality is shown to be a sin. Discuss how partiality shows that we do not believe in equality. Use James 2:8-9 and 2 Corinthians 10:7 as guides.

**Authority is for Edification – Not Control.**

When you hear the word “authority” what comes to mind? Is it a positive or a negative? Discuss why it is either positive or negative.

Pastor Roger said “Godly authority, rightly exercised, lifts others up according to their need.” Discuss what it means to edify another person as an authority. Use 2 Corinthians 10:8 as a guide.

In 2 Corinthians 10:9 Paul says it was not his intent to frighten the Corinthians with his letters. Compare what Paul said in 2 Corinthians 10:9 with what Jesus said in Matthew 20:25-28 and discuss how this models Godly authority.

**Use the Right Standard**

Using 2 Corinthians 10:12 as a guide, discuss why Paul says those who “measure themselves by one another” are “without understanding.”

Using 1 Corinthians 1:11 as a guide, discuss how Paul exercised his authority as an apostle and what standard he used in that authority.

In Galatians 6:2-4 Paul says to “bear one another’s burdens” and to let each one “test his own work.” Discuss why we are to avoid comparing ourselves to others and how we are to edify others. Use Galatians 6:2-4 as a guide.