

PAUL'S CREDENTIALS / *2 Corinthians 11:23*

Paul was concerned because the church in Corinth viewed him as no more than a blustering preacher; thus, they were not taking seriously his advice in his letters and on his visits. Paul addressed this attitude in the letter of 2 Corinthians, pointing out his credentials as an apostle of Christ and why the Corinthians should take his advice.

Reference	Credential
1:1, 21; 4:1	Commissioned by God
1:12	Acted in holiness, sincerity, and dependence on God alone in his dealings with them
1:13-14	Was straightforward and sincere in his letters
1:18; 4:2	Spoke truthfully
1:22	Had God's Holy Spirit
2:4; 6:11; 11:11	Loved the Corinthian believers
2:17	Spoke with sincerity and Christ's power
3:2-3	Worked among them and changed their lives
3:4; 12:6	Lived as an example to the believers
4:1, 16	Did not give up
4:2	Taught the Bible with integrity
4:5	Had Christ as the center of his message
4:8-12; 6:4-5, 9, 10 . .	Endured persecution as he taught the Good News
5:18-20	Was Christ's ambassador, called to tell the Good News
6:3-4	Tried to live an exemplary life so others would not be kept from God
6:6	Led a pure life, understood the gospel, and displayed patience with the Corinthians
6:7	Was truthful and filled with God's power
6:8	Stood true to God first and always
7:2; 11:7-9	Never corrupted or exploited anyone
8:20-21	Handled their offering for the Jerusalem believers in a responsible, blameless manner
10:1-6	Used God's weapons, not his own, for God's work
10:7-8	Was confident that he belonged to Christ
10:12-13	Would boast not in himself but in the Lord
10:14-15	Had authority because he taught them the Good News
11:23-33	Endured pain and danger as he fulfilled his calling
12:2-4	Was blessed with an astounding vision
12:7-10	Was constantly humbled by a "thorn" in the flesh that God refused to take away
12:12	Did miracles among them
12:19	Was always motivated to strengthen others spiritually
13:4	Was filled with God's power
13:5-6	Passed the test
13:9	Was always concerned that his spiritual children become mature believers