

The Fool's Speech, Part 1

2 CORINTHIANS 11:1-15

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One Main Point | Paul's apostolic ministry is superior to the imposters at Corinth in both knowledge of the truth, and purity of heart.

Answering a Fool | The Setup

- Holy jealousy—Paul's reason for playing the game
 - Smooth talk and slippery words—Paul's fear for the betrothed
 - Another Jesus, a different spirit, a different Gospel
 - A response of "bearing with!?"

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Answering a Fool | The Folly Begins

- “I’m not inferior”
- “Was my humility a sin?”
 - Church “robbery”
- “I’m going to continue rejecting your money, despite my love for you.”
 - The badge of authenticity: *free* proclamation of a *priceless* Gospel

The Gloves Come Off | Intermediate Climax

- False apostles
 - Disguised, just like their Master
 - A predictable end

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Learning From Paul

- Answering a fool according to his folly... wisely
 - Ensure that your goal is to bring awareness by demonstration, not to hurt or verbally spar.
 - Have an endgame short of full and total persuasion—you are not God.
 - Ask questions as part of the demonstration
- The importance of spiritual virginity
 - Because we become like what we worship, if you are constantly “bearing with” a tailored-for-the-times presentation of Jesus—your thoughts and your life will unconsciously become disfigured in the name of Christian faithfulness.

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