

Wasting and Weight

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- ▶ The "Super Apostles" are superior. (2 Cor 11:5)

Paul's Powerful Reply

- ▶ Paul agrees with the criticism!
 - ▶ I don't have lofty words (1 Cor 2)
 - ▶ I am unimpressive in appearance (2 Cor 10)
 - ▶ I have and do suffer for the Gospel (2 Cor 11)

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- ▶ Except money
- ▶ I made my own way (1 Cor 9)
- ▶ I was supported by other churches (2 Cor 11)
- ▶ If I fleeced you, I sure did a bad job!

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 - ▶ Let go of what is wasting away now; look ahead to the weight of glory which is forever.