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## Paul Defends His Ministry 1:12 to 7:16



One reason **Paul** wrote this letter was to answer insinuations raised in **Corinth** about the authenticity of **his** apostleship, the decorum of **his** conduct, and the sincerity of **his** commitment to those believers in that **worldly city**. Later, **Paul** gave a defense of the genuineness of **his** apostolic authority ([to see link click Br - Paul Defends His Apostolic Authority](#)). Questions about the decorum of **his** conduct, especially as it related to **the collection** are addressed in **Chapters 8 and 9** (see [Bm - The Call to Complete the Collection](#)). The burden of these preceding **chapters (1:12 to 7:16)** is an emotional statement by **Paul** of **his** sincere commitment to the ministry in general and to **the Corinthians** in particular.<sup>34</sup>