The Metron Factor

A RESOURCE BY **DR. FRANK DAMAZIO**

Introduction

The unstoppable spirit in a leader is what makes an unstoppable church. Leaders experience resistance because they are so important. Today I speak to people who have already answered the call to leadership – leaders who are serious about their call and the ministry set before them. First, let me say that you are loved by Jesus and Jesus is working in you and through you to fulfill your leadership calling. We all want to be better leaders, successful leaders, impacting our churches, our cities, and our nations. I spend a big part of my life helping leaders fulfill their calling, both young beginners to mature and fruitful leaders. There are many absolutes to being a successful leader in God's kingdom. Today I desire to deal with one absolute, one I bump into quite often and it is a key to successful fruitful leadership. This absolute is found in 2 Corinthians 10:12-18, a piece of pure Pauline wisdom for all leaders.

Unpacking Pauline Ministry Secrets

The Context

2 Corinthians 10:1–18

Known as the most personal letter that Paul ever wrote. Most tears, most tension, most revelational of the Man, the most vulnerable, the most unique description of Paul. Most personal epistle. It came out of attack from his own followers, those he raised up, pastored, his own church plant.

Paul was attacked by critics, accused by his own church people and by other leaders

- Said he was brave from afar but a coward face to face
- His refusal to accept support was a sign that he was inferior
- That his relationship to Christ was not as good as theirs was
- They made fun of his physical appearance and his speaking ability
- That he should not boast about anything he has done

What made Paul great was his character and the grace to get beat up and respond properly.

Paul answers these in four chapters but gives his ministry success secrets in Chapter 10 – how he established his leadership foundations.

Paul's Ministry Secrets Revealed

Now, let's look at chapter 10, the five things he uses to defend, clarify his ministry. Earlier he defended his office. Now he defends and clarifies himself. This is the most personal part of the most personal letter of the apostle. Paul's ministry identity is rooted in Christ and in some convictions Paul lived by.

© 2026 Frank Damazio Ministries. All Rights Reserved. No portion of this document may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means electronic, mechanical photocopy, recording, or any other except for brief quotations in printed reviews, without prior permission of the publisher. Rights for publishing this document in other languages are contracted by Frank Damazio Ministries. For all requests please email info@frankdamazio.com