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Paul did not boast in what he had accomplished. Instead, **he only boasted in what Christ had accomplished through him**” (see Rom. 15:17-18). We are not to brag about our wisdom, strength or wealth (Jer. 9:23). Instead, we are to boast in a loving and righteous God (Jer. 9:24) and rejoice that we can know Him! “My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad” (Psalm 34:2). “We rejoice [boast] in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh” (Phil. 3:3).

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