



Today, we continue our series through 1 Corinthians called *11 Dangers for Every Christian*. In this passage, Paul helps the Corinthians understand what faithful spiritual leadership should look like and challenges them to consider how they respond to those God has placed in their lives to help them follow Christ. As we study these verses, we will consider how to recognize godly leadership, why spiritual accountability matters, and how pride or past hurt can keep us from receiving the leadership God intends for our good.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 4:1–2, 14–21

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1–2. How does Paul describe the role and responsibility of a spiritual leader?
2. According to verse 2, what standard does God place on spiritual leaders?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:14–15. Why does Paul describe his relationship with the Corinthians in terms of a father and his children?
4. What does Paul’s statement, “I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you,” teach us about godly correction?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 4:16–17. Why does Paul tell the Corinthians to imitate him?
6. Why did Paul send Timothy to Corinth?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 4:18–20. What does Paul identify as the deeper problem among some of the Corinthians?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 4:21. What does Paul’s reference to a “rod” and a “spirit of gentleness” reveal about spiritual leadership?

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9. How can pride or past pain cause us to reject godly leadership?

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