

“More Than Talk”

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Fractured: How God Restores a Broken Church

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Imagine this. Your kitchen sink is clogged. You tried what you could to fix it and ended up calling a _____.

- His appearance communicates that he is a professional. *And yet, he walked in with an empty toolbox.*
- Would you have confidence that he will be able to fix your sink? Y/N

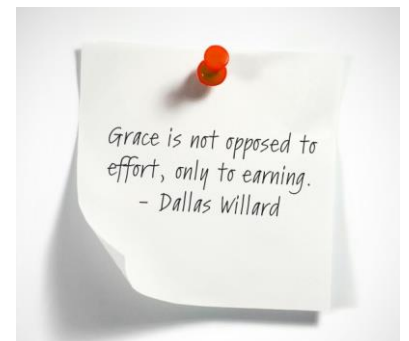
In our main passage, the apostle Paul was confronting Christians who were playing the part but lacked supernatural _____.

Real-world examples (2 Cor 13:5):

- Posting Bible verses online yet treating others poorly
- Agreeing with the Bible about generosity yet being stingy
- Agreeing with the Bible about forgiveness yet still holding a grudge
- Knowing the worship songs, yet rarely worshipping God Monday - Saturday
- Critical/angry/easily offended/judgy/impatient/controlling/negative Nelly/drama queen/needing to be right

In our main passage, Paul speaks of a _____... that is supernatural and that can transform your life!

- Instead of...
 - treating others poorly, you can _____
 - being stingy, you can become _____
 - holding a grudge, you can _____
 - being a critical person, you can become _____
 - being angry, you can be _____
 - being judgy, you can be _____
 - being easily offended, you can be tough _____



And the core motivation behind this is to _____. That's the most natural thing for healthy children. (1 Pe 2:2-3)

- God loves you too much to leave you where you are! *That said, let's dive in.*

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1. **VV 14-15...** Godly people welcome loving _____. *So, be an ACTS disciple.* (Prov 12:1)
 - Pursue more than just correction. Be A _____, C _____, T _____, and S _____ (Prov 27:26)

2. **VV 16-17...** Godly people follow godly _____. *So, be a Timothy.* (Heb 13:7)

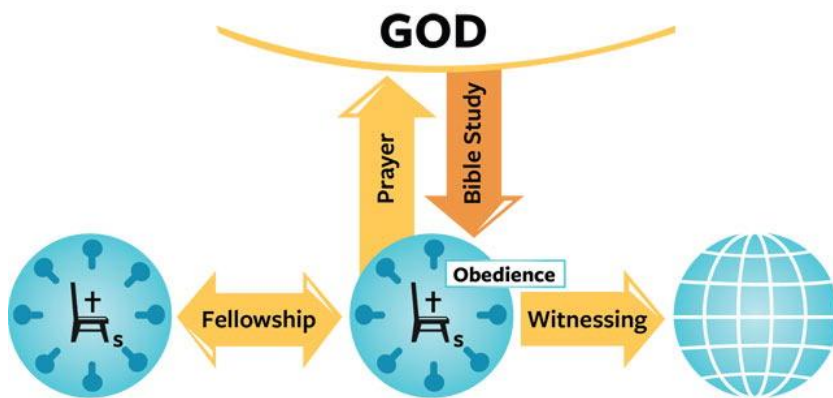
- Timothy, Paul's protégé, followed Paul, his _____. (2 Tim 2:2)

3. **VV 18-21...** Godly people pursue _____, not merely information. *So, actually change.* (Jas 1:22)

- This transformation is progressively realized through the _____ made available. (2 Cor 3:18)

The obvious question in response is... "How do I tap into this power Paul wrote about? Because I want to change."

- Glad you asked. It's simple, really. Develop *relationship* with your heavenly Father and your siblings in Christ through the 4 delights: Prayer, Bible, Fellowship, and Witnessing... and especially _____.



Summary Statement: Healthy Christians grow by welcoming correction, following godly examples, and allowing God's power to transform them. *This happens through community.*

CALLS-TO-ACTION

1. Ask God to reveal one area where your faith is mostly talk and little action.

- a. "That area is _____. I will figure out how to gain victory over that!"

2. Invite a mature believer to speak honestly into your life.

- a. "I'm going to reach out to _____ this week."

3. Become more involved with my church family and grow as an ACTS disciple.

- a. "I will attend/sign up for the following ministry/event: _____"

4. Choose one area of disobedience and begin addressing it this week.

- a. "I choose to repent of _____ and do whatever is necessary to not sin in that area again."

5. Identify the #1 person I am resentful towards.

- a. "Father, give me the grace I need to forgive _____. Show me specifically what to do."