

**The Study of Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians**

**Lesson #4: "Servants of Christ: At the End of the Parade"**

**1 Corinthians 4:1-21**



**Division 1:** Paul corrects the Corinthian's view of what true servants of God are to look like and the criteria by which they are to be judged.

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

2 Peter 3:9

John 16:12-15

1 Timothy 5:20

1 Corinthians 5:13

2 Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 4:12

**Division 2:** Paul uses sarcasm to correct the Corinthian's understanding of the Kingdom of God and who is in it.

1 Corinthians 4:8-13

**Principle #1:** True servants of God see themselves as possessing no worldly attributes they can take credit for, avoid premature judgments, and use only biblical criteria when they are called to judge.

**Principle #2:** People in God's earthly Kingdom have picked up their cross and are following Jesus by denying themselves more and more and living more and more like Jesus did.

**Division 3:** Paul urges the Corinthians to emulate his walk with Christ.

## 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

1 Peter 1:23

## Additional notes:

**Principle #3:** We as Believers are called to live lives that model biblical Christianity to teach biblical morality and not rely only on God's Word to do it.