

## Family Resource for 1 Corinthians 4

week of April 11, 2010

### ❖ Sunday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

**Word of the day: manager**

- **What is a 'manager?'**
  - *someone who is put in charge of something*
  - *someone who must watch over another person's business & be responsible*
- **Why does God make people managers?**
  - *because someone has to be in charge - or everything would be chaotic*
- **Another word for 'managing' is 'stewardship,' which means to take care of someone else's stuff.**
- **What things does God want all of us to take care of?**
  - *our spiritual lives*
  - *our health*
  - *our families*
  - *our church*
- **Talk to God:** *"Lord, I thank you for those who are put in charge of managing our church. Help them to be faithful. And help us to be faithful in the areas of life that you've called us to manage..."*

### ❖ Monday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

**Word of the day: examine**

- **What does 'examine' mean?**
  - *to look at something very closely, to analyze, to inspect*
- **Who is the one who will examine us?**
  - *see verse 4*
- **What will the look 'bring to light' and 'reveal?'**
  - *see verse 5*
- **How does this impact the way you live your life?**
- **Talk to God:** *"Jesus, help me to live my life with honesty & integrity. I know that you will examine my life one day, and I want you to find me to be completely faithful..."*

## ❖ Tuesday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:6**

**Word of the day: Scriptures**

- **What is another name for the ‘Scriptures?’**
  - *the Bible, God’s Word*
- **Why did Paul focus so much on the Scriptures?**
  - *the Bible is the only thing that can be trusted. It does not change. It gives us truth from God.*
- **Read the following verses. What does it say about the Bible?**
  - **Hebrews 4:12 - 13 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. <sup>13</sup>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.
- **Imagine it was illegal to read & believe in the Bible. If someone examined your life, would there be enough evidence to convict you?**
- **What can you do to make sure you schedule adequate time with God’s Word?**
- **Talk to God:** “*Jesus, help me to read Your Word, so that I may hear from you...*”

## ❖ Wednesday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:7-13**

**Word of the day: dedication**

- **Define ‘dedication.’**
  - *complete and wholehearted fidelity*
  - *commitment: the act of binding yourself completely to a course of action*
- **Why is it important to be dedicated to Christ?**
  - *Because Jesus was dedicated to us and He endured the punishment on the cross*
  - *Because when hard times come, we must be ready to stand for Christ no matter what happens*
- **Matthew 24:4-14 speaks of how things will be in the end times. Read the passage (or at least the following verse if you are rushed for time?)**
  - **Matthew 24:13 (NLT)** ... the one who endures to the end will be saved.
- **Are you dedicated to Christ? If not, how can you strengthen your faith so that you can endure hard times?**
  - *spend time with God through prayer, fasting, & Bible reading*
  - *regularly attend church & Bible Study*
  - *serve with fellow Christians at church*
- **Talk to God:** “*Lord, I want to dedicate my life to you. I want you to be number 1 in my life...*”

## ❖ Thursday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:14-16**

**Word of the day: imitate**

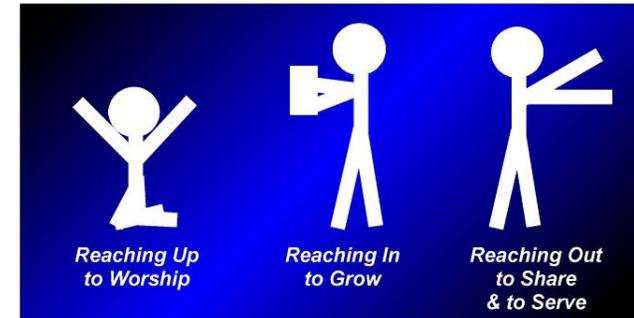
- **What does it mean to imitate something?**
  - *to copy, to follow, to use something as a model*
- **Paul says we should imitate his life. In what way?**
  - *his unwavering dedication to Christ*
  - *his willingness to abandon it all for the sake of the call*
  - *his faith*
  - *his service*
- **Of course, everyone sins make mistakes, so we do not put our faith in people. But, none the less, people can serve as examples for us in specific areas.**
- **Who are the people that are good examples for you to model an aspect of your life after?**
- **Did you know that you are a role model for others?**
  - *Even if you don't want to be, others are watching your life.*
- **Who are you an example to?**
- **What can you do to be a better example?**
- **Talk to God:** *“Lord, help me to follow the godly men & women you have placed in my life. May I not place my faith in them, for we all still sin & make mistakes, but may I learn what I can & grow closer to you in the process. And help me to be a good example to others...”*

## ❖ Friday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:14-17**

**Word of the day: churches**

- **According to Paul in today's passage, what should take place in the church?**
  - *people should be taught how to be faithful to the Lord*
- **What else should happen in the church?**
  - *worshipping God (in song and in lifestyle)*
  - *fellowship (people making friends)*
  - *discipleship (people growing mature in Christ)*
  - *service (showing God's love by doing things for others)*
  - *evangelism (sharing the Gospel).*
- **What is the mission statement of our church?**



- **Do you help to fulfill the mission of our church?**
- **Talk to God:** *“Father, help me to get on mission with You. I want to live for You & serve You - all the days of my life...”*

❖ Saturday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:18-21**

**Word of the day: power**

- **Where do we get power to live our life?**
  - *the Holy Spirit empowers us*
  
- **What was wrong with the church in our passage?**
  - *They did not have God's power. They were simply religious, arrogant, & loud.*
  
- **Why is it important to really have God's power?**
  - *because life is hard, and without God's power we may not survive*
  
- **Talk to God:** *“Heavenly Father, I pray for your power to be in my life. I repent of my pride & arrogance. I acknowledge that I am completely dependant on You...”*