

Paul the Planter and His Church in Crisis

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THE POWER OF JESUS—1 CORINTHIANS 4:14 - 21



The Power of Jesus

I. Talk is Cheap

- Plato and Socrates impact the _____
- Paul was educated as a Jew and a Greek
- Paul was a big fan of the _____
nights down at the local beatnik coffee house.

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“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.”

1 Corinthians 4:20

What does it mean to tap into the Power of God?

II. Paul Fights for His Right to Speak with Authority

1 Corinthians 4:18-21

“¹⁹But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have.”

1 Corinthians 4:19

A. Impotent for Change

- The church suffers from a lack of _____
- No integrity means no _____
- So Paul establishes his own authority

Last Week:

Suffering like Jesus

1 Corinthians 4:1-13

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This Week:

Power From Jesus

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Next Week:

Judging Like Jesus

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

1st Century Nanny's

- Old, trusted _____
- Taught discipline and moral values
- Take kids to school
- Help with homework
- Does not take the place of a _____

B. Authority Structure

¹⁵Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

- Paul is still #1
- You need a good example
- Paul sends Timothy to:
 - lead
 - be a good example
 - because he learned from Paul

C. There is a Test!

- Paul promises _____
 - Arrogance gets you _____
 - Humility gets you a _____
- Jesus worked the same way
 - He saved the whip for the church leaders who should have known better
- We need to follow the example

**Ending John Maxwell –
now on
with _____.**

1 Corinthians Chapter 4

¹⁴I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children.

¹⁵Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

¹⁶Therefore I urge you to imitate me. ¹⁷For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

¹⁸Some of you have become arrogant, as if I were not coming to you.

¹⁹But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have. ²⁰For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. ²¹What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a whip, or in love and with a gentle spirit?