

Be Imitators of Me **I Corinthians 4:6-21**

Paul has exposed the arrogance and self-satisfaction of the Corinthians as the reason for their divisions in the church. He has educated and encouraged them to realize that Christ will return and evaluate their life in terms of their actions and attitudes concerning their methods and motives. Paul now exhorts them to follow his example as he follows Christ.

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