

1 Corinthians 4:6-21

The principle v6-7

The Corinthians have been arguing about leaders. Paul is concerned that they don't become puffed up. How does the principle outlined in v7 take away boasting?

The problem v8

Paul seems to be using the Corinthians own terminology here. Look back at 1:4-5. What is wrong with their view of themselves?

What is wrong with their timing?

The pattern to imitate v9-16

How does Paul contrast his own experience with that of the Corinthians?

Look now at Luke:6:20-36. What echoes do you see in our passage? What point do you think Paul is making about Christians and the present age?

Why does he want them to imitate him?

The pastoral threat v17-21

How seriously is Paul taking the situation? Why do you think that is?

Thinking it through

The Corinthian church was very blessed. What effect should this have had on them?

What does this passage show us about the potential dangers of such blessing?

How might a successful city centre church drift into arrogance?

How might we too imitate Paul in his attitude and priorities?