

1 CORINTHIANS | FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLES OF HUMILITY
1 CORINTHIANS 4:6-14

We often strive to be first. We want a comfortable life. Our priorities are us, and then maybe others or God in some order. We have been told the most important thing is that you are happy, so we put ourselves first in the elusive hunt for happiness. Self-centeredness does not bring happiness. Self-centeredness, narcissism, and arrogance stands in opposition to following Christ and it is in knowing Him that we are truly fulfilled. At one point two apostles asked Christ if they could be in places of prominence. Jesus responded: *"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:44b-45, ESV) Paul must teach this lesson to the Corinthian Church so they embrace the way of the cross instead of comfort. In a day where we value ease and self-gratification, we must be reminded of this as well. How do we adjust our lives so we can live at Christ's disciples?

1. Remind yourself that God is the _____ of all good things so that you do not grow _____ and _____ yourself.

2. Wake up when you begin to believe your _____ - _____ apart from God.

3. Understand that following Christ will put you at odds with the _____ and lead to _____ and even _____, but it is _____ it.