

# 1 Corinthians 12 – 4:8-19

## The “Kings” at Corinth

### 1. 4:7-10 – The “Kings” at Corinth

- a. They are glorying as if they had a right and not a duty - 1 Cor 4:7, 9:1-2, 6:19-20
- b. Full (of the world’s wisdom), rich (not 1Cor 1:5), reign (not 2 Tim 2:11-12)
- c. “Would to God...” The rebuke: they reigned not because of their faithfulness
- d. The kingdom (Rev 20) is not now on earth – Gal 1:4, Eph 6:12-13, 515-16
- e. We are called to heavenly places: Eph 2:6, Phil 3:20, 3:10, 2:29-30
- f. The suffering was because of the message – Acts 9:15-16, Gal 5:11, 6:12, 2 Tim 2:9
- g. The foolish, weak, and despised are what God uses – 1 Cor 1:27-29

### 2. 4:11-13 – Paul’s Perils

- a. “appointed to death” as Christ – Phil 1:29, Rom 8:36-37, 2 Cor 4:8-11, 11:22-23
- b. “we are fools” – that is, as fools to the world. 1 Cor 1:21, 23, 3:18
- c. Paul did not look like a minister, he was not receiving his daily bread – Mat 6:11
- d. Paul’s manner: Bless the revilers (ch3), suffer persecution (ch6), intreat (ch8-9)
- e. “offscouring and filth” is not ‘God wants you to be happy’: 2 Cor 4:11, 2:15-16

### 3. 4:14-17 – “Follow Me”

- a. Paul is shaming them, but the intent is a warning against 1 Cor 2:5, 2 Cor 11:3
- b. Fathers exhort their sons – 1 Thess 2:11-12 (mothers coddle - 1 Thess 2:7)
- c. They received the gospel by Paul, (haven’t we all? 1 Tim 1:16) – 1 Cor 3:6, 9:1-2
- d. “I’m a Paul follower” is so offensive, but right: 1 Cor 11:1, Phil 3:17, 1Thes 1:6
- e. Following Jesus in his earthly ministry is wrong: Rom 15:8, Mat 5:20, 8:4, Lk 12:33
- f. The Lord sent Paul with a gospel and pattern – Rom 15:16, 16:27, 2 Tim 2:7
- g. Timothy was sent as a faithful man to teach them Paul’s ways: 1Tim 4:11, Phil 4:9

### 4. 4:18-19 – Paul Ready to Rebuke

- a. After putting the babe Corinthians in their place, Paul is ready to rebuke.
- b. Rebuking is something that had to be done – 2 Tim 4:2, 1 Tim 5:20
- c. “Being puffed up” was a problem that had to be dealt with – 1 Tim 4:1-5, 6:3-5