

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS
A Study of First Corinthians

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1 Corinthians 4:14-21 Jeff Schreve

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1 Corinthians 4:16

What are you supposed to see when you see a Christian?

1. You are to see someone who has a heart for souls.

*I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my **beloved children**. For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, **who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord** ...*
1 Corinthians 4:14, 15, 17

A. Are you taking the Great Commission seriously?

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit ...
Matthew 28:19

B. Are you really following Jesus?

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

2. You are to see someone who is a shining example.

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.
1 Timothy 4:12

A. How would our church do if all were imitating you?

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B. Do you have someone you are discipling?

And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:22

3. You are to see someone who is tough and tender.

Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant, but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power. What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness? 1 Corinthians 4:18-21

A. Are you willing to get tough when you need to get tough?

B. Do you see that strong discipline is sometimes needed?

Will you ask God to really work in you?
