



“Followers”

Footsteps of Jesus
I Corinthians 4:14-21

Followers are guided by:

I. Exhortations – “Wherefore I beseech you” (vs. 14-16)

Edifying that is:

- A. **Res** _____ – “I write not these things to shame you”
- B. **Reb** _____ - “but as my beloved sons I warn you”
- C. **Rel** _____ – “I have begotten you through the gospel”

II. Examples – “For this cause I have sent unto you” (vs. 16-17)

Examining:

- A. **Le** _____ – “be ye followers of me”
- B. **Le** _____ – “I sent unto you Timothy”
- C. **Le** _____ – “as I teach everywhere in every church”

III. Expectations – “I will come to you shortly” (vs. 18-21)

Embracing:

- A. **A** _____ – “as though I would not come to you”
- B. **A** _____ – “the kingdom...not in word but in power”
- C. **A** _____ – “What will ye?”

Sentence Sermon:

“Following Jesus is a personal decision that cannot be kept private.”

Additional Verses

- *Acts 19:22*
- *I Corinthians 16:10*
- *Romans 16:23*
- *II Timothy 3:5*
- *Mark 1:17*
- *Matthew 6:24*
- *II Corinthians 1:12*
- *Titus 1:7-9*
- *Galatians 4:19*
- *I Thessalonians 2:7-12*
- *II Corinthians 12:14-15*
- *Matthew 24:46-51*
- *Acts 1:8*
- *I Corinthians 11:1*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why did Paul think that his writings might shame them?
4. Is shaming someone wrong? Explain and give examples.
5. What does Paul mean by “as beloved sons I warn you?”
6. What is the difference between instructors and fathers Paul alludes to?
7. Why would Paul tell the Corinthians to follow him? Should we?
8. What characteristics of Timothy make him a good example for them?
9. What sort of things does Paul teach in every church?
10. What about the kingdom of God demonstrates power?
11. How would you explain what Paul is saying in verse 21?
12. What evidence would convince someone that you are a follower?