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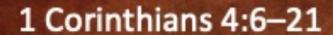
[8] Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!





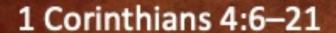
[10] We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute.





[11] To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless,



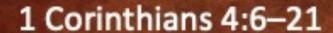


[12] and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;



[13] when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.



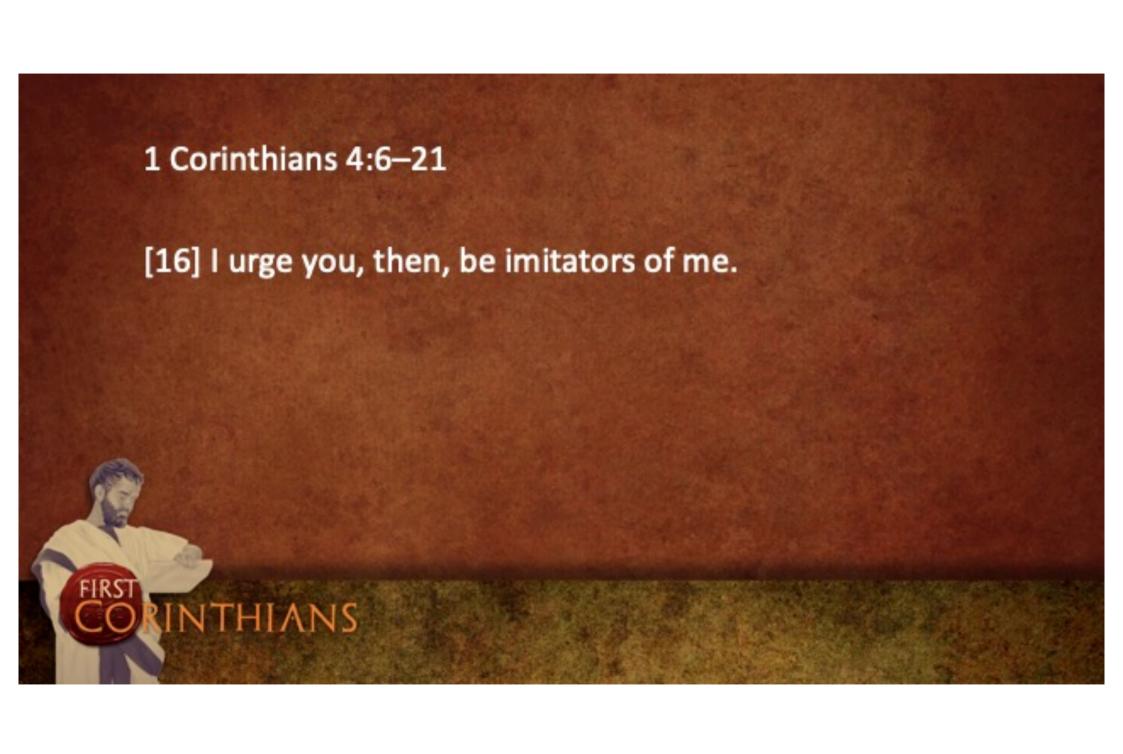


[14] I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.



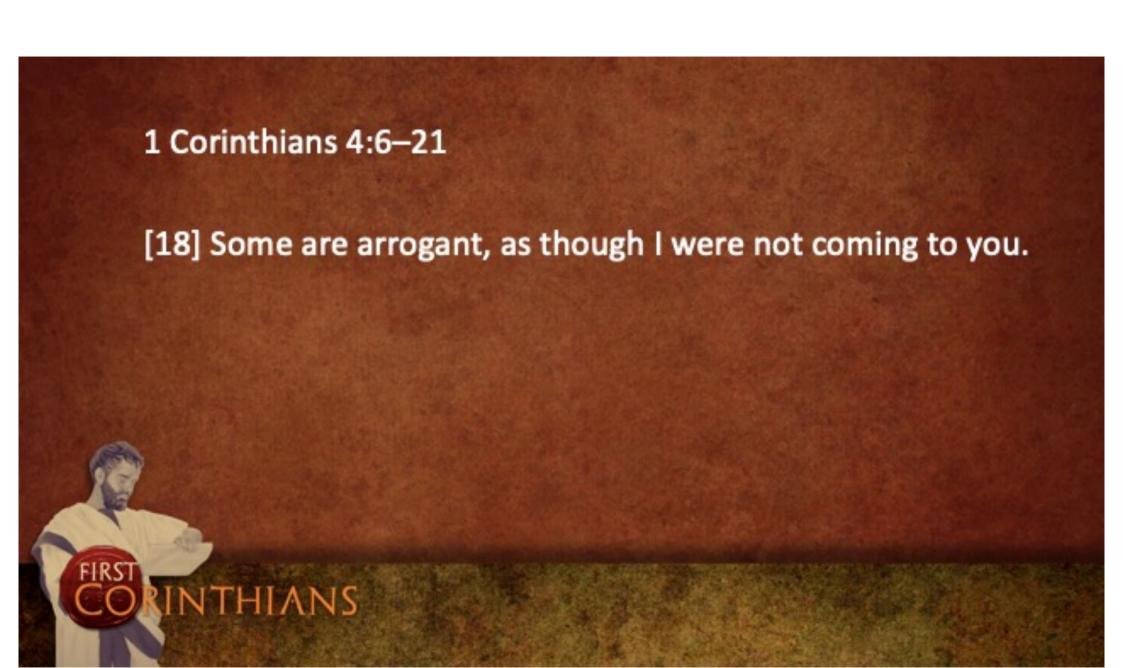
[15] For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

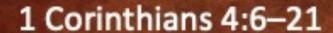




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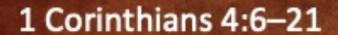






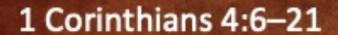
[19] But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power.





[20] For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.





[21] What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?



Paul's Final Appeal in the Corinthian Divide

1Co 4:6-21









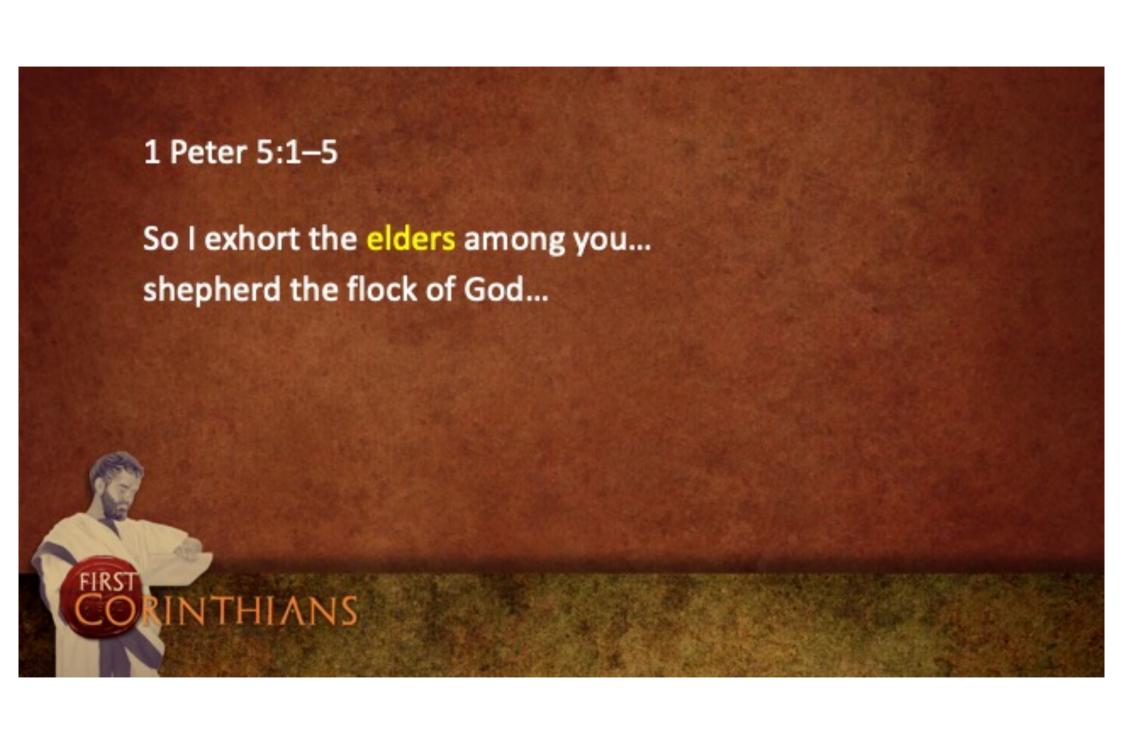


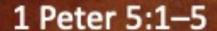












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1 Peter 5:1-5

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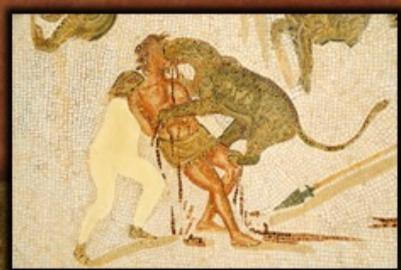






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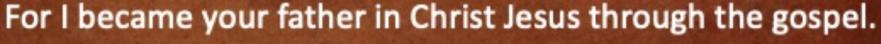




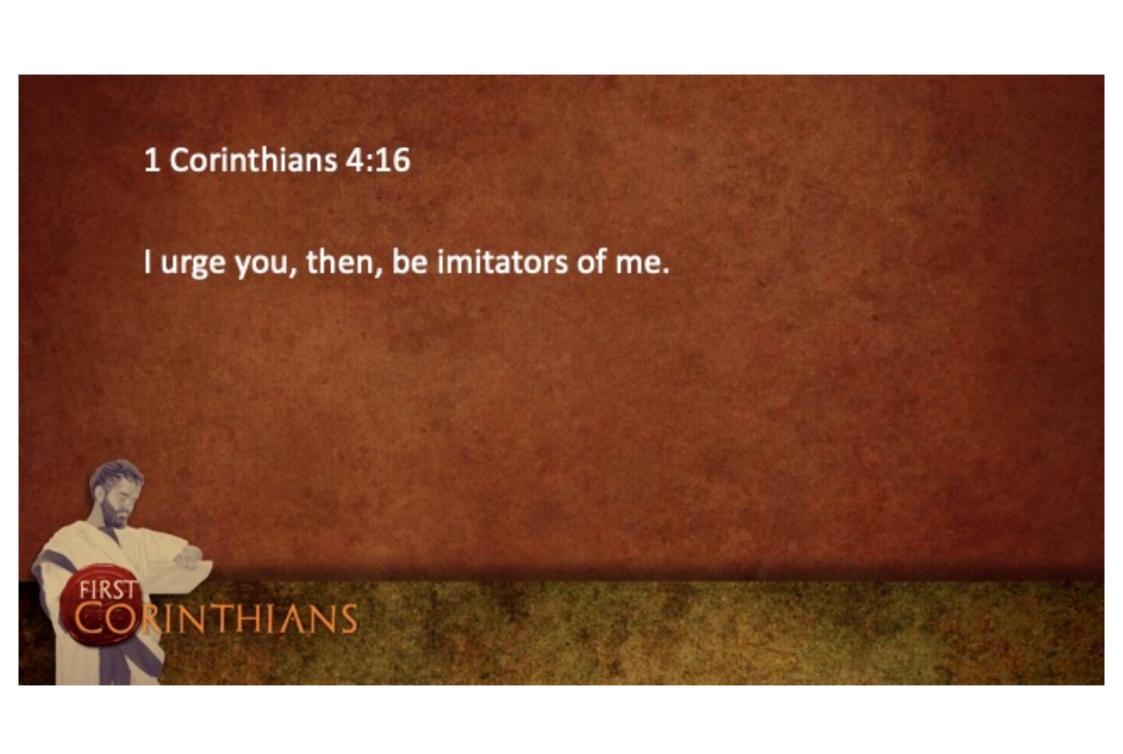
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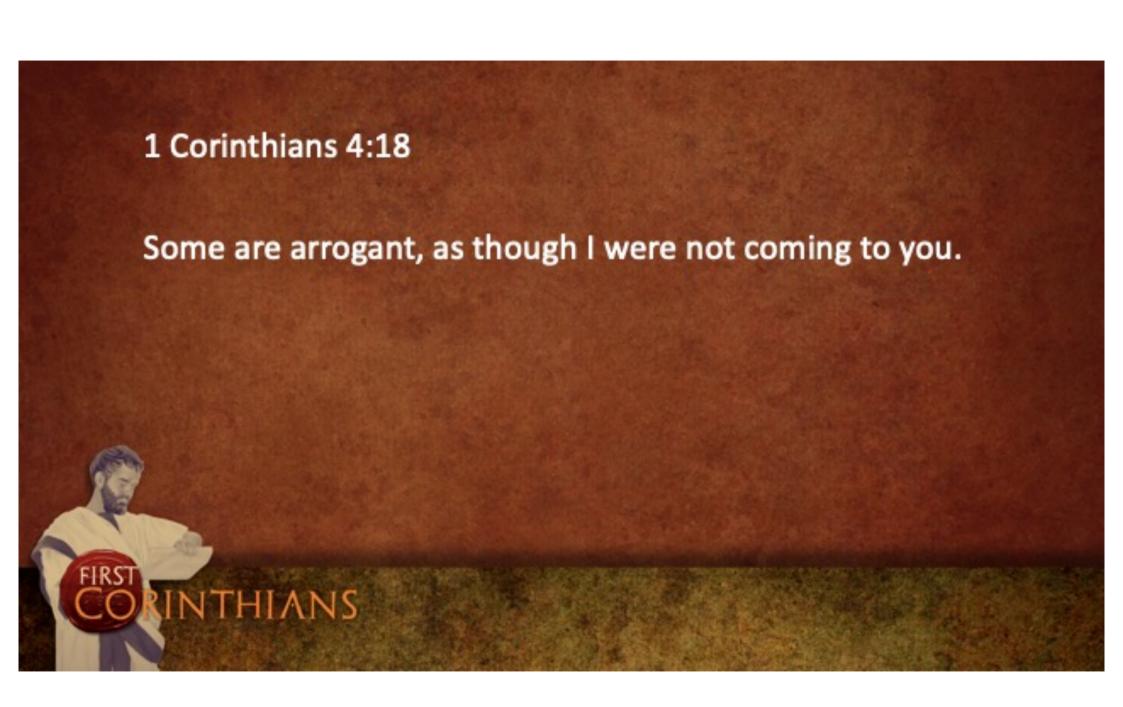


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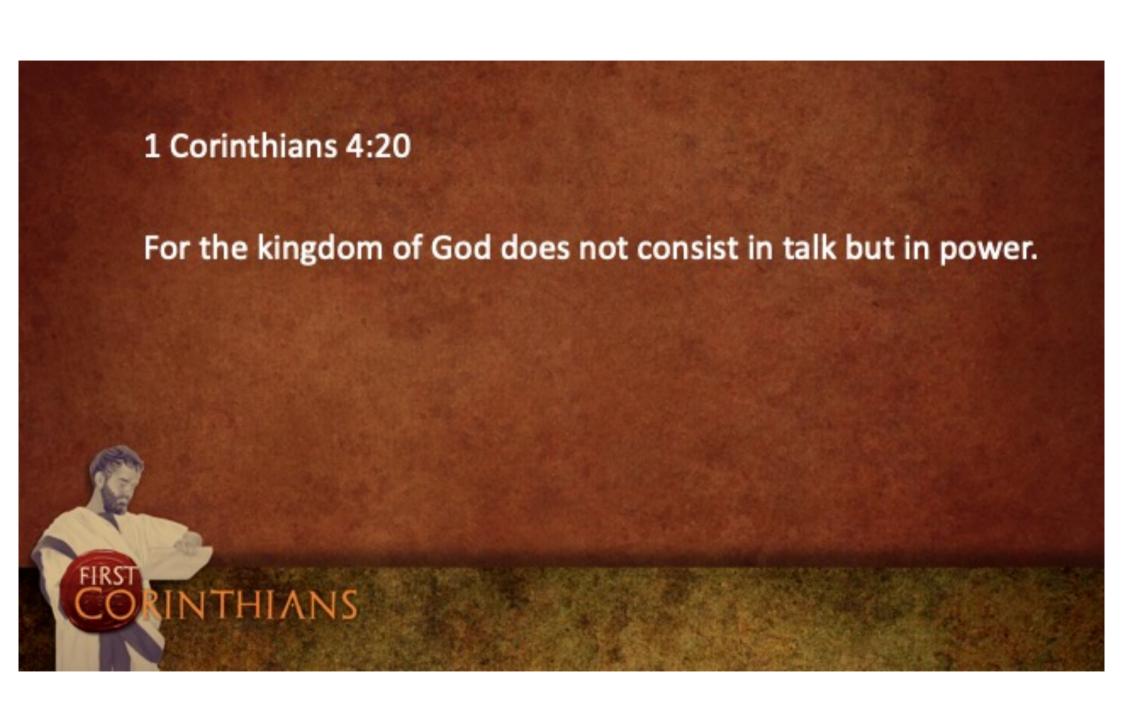






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