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## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

"Dare To Discipline"

1 Corinthians 4:6-21

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Introduction: Corinth is a troubled church with many problems.

1. In these opening chapters, Paul is focused on division.
2. As he closes this section, he takes the role of a loving father disciplining his children.
3. Discipline is not a pleasant subject, but it is very much needed in all of our lives.
4. As we analyze Paul's approach we can benefit on two levels.
  - We may see ourselves in the Corinthian delusion.
  - We may learn a better way to administer discipline.
5. We start our study by focusing on the Corinthians' delusion.

### I. The Corinthians' Delusion

A. Non-scriptural Lives

B. Imaginary Status

### II. The Corinthians' Correction

A. A Dose Of Reality

B. Genuine Love

C. Presence

Conclusion: There is a difference between punishment and discipline.

1. Punishment is punitive, whereas discipline is corrective.
2. In this text Paul confronts the delusion infecting Corinth.
3. But then he places the truth before them, so they could make the necessary changes.
4. We can all learn from Paul's example.
5. And perhaps we needed to hear the same message.
6. If you see yourself in the Corinthian delusion:
  - Surrender your pride.
  - Accept the humility of servanthood.
  - Allow God to use you!