The Nature of True Apostleship

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Key Verse: 4:15-16

1. Read v. 1-5. How should believers regard Christian workers? (1) What is the most fundamental quality of a servant of God? (2; 2Ti2:2; Heb3:1,2) Why should we not judge but wait until the Lord comes? (5)

2. Read v. 6-13. How did Paul apply this principle to himself and Apollos? Why? (6-7) How did Paul rebuke their sin of pride in verse 8? What good examples did he show through his own life? (9–13)

3. Read verses 14-17. What confidence did Paul have in relation to them? What does it mean to be a spiritual father? What did Paul urge them to do? (16) What especially did he want them to imitate? (16-17)

4. Read verses 18-21. What problem did Paul point out? (18) How did he say he would deal with it? (19,21) How does this reveal his father’s heart for them?