

## Leaders, Followers and Troublemakers

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1 Corinthians 4:6-21

### I. **Arrogance vs. Humility (6-13)**

*1 Corinthians 4:6-7: Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?*

**Arrogant** is a word that means **puffed up**. Humility is not a matter of denying your ability. It's recognizing the source of your ability. The next verse is sarcastic.

*1 Corinthians 4:8-13: You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.*

<b>Arrogant Person</b>	<b>Humble Person</b>
Exceeding what is written in Scripture	Knows he hasn't arrived
Views self as superior	On display as humble
Boasting, as if it praise is deserved	Foolish by world's standards
Thinks he has arrived	Weak by world's standards
Superior attitude, as if leading in the Kingdom of God	Without honor by world's standards
Prudent by world's standards	Persecuted for righteousness
Strong by world's standards	Blesses those who attack
Distinguished by world's standards	Endures persecution
Despises and defames humble servants of God	Conciliatory



5. **Spiritual leaders care deeply for those to whom they minister**

1 Corinthians 4:18-19: *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.*

Does this describe me?  
Somewhat

Not Me								Definitely Me
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6. **Spiritual leaders manifest the power of God**

1 Corinthians 4:20: *For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.*

Does this describe me?  
Somewhat

Not Me								Definitely Me
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7. **Spiritual leaders are willing to discipline**

1 Corinthians 4:21: *What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?*

Does this describe me?  
Somewhat

Not Me								Definitely Me
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**5 Characteristics of Good Spiritual Followers**

1. **Spiritual followers accepts love and training**

1 Corinthians 4:14: *I do not write these things to **shame** you, but to **admonish** you as my **beloved** children.*

Does this describe me?  
Somewhat

Not Me								Definitely Me
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5. **Spiritual troublemakers are puffed up**

1 Corinthians 4:18: *Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.*

	Does this describe me?					
Not Me			Somewhat			Definitely Me
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6. **Spiritual troublemakers have lots of words, but no true spiritual power**

1 Corinthians 4:19-20: *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.*

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7. **Spiritual troublemakers need to be disciplined**

1 Corinthians 4:21: *What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?*

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**Theme Verse:**

Hebrews 13:17: *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.*

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