



## ***“The First Letter in the Alphabet of Christianity”***

1 Cor. 4:6-13 • part 16

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### INTRODUCTION

- the primacy of humility

### *1. The call to humility: living within the confines of Scripture (4:6)*

- “these things”
- why the emphasis on being servants of the one Master?
  - a. so as to not go beyond Scripture

1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 5:17

- b. so as to not serve as grounds for boasting

Lev. 16:29-31; 1 Pet. 3:8; 5:5-6

### *2. The ground of humility: understanding God’s graces are gifts (4:7)*

“Be not proud of race, face, grace, or place.” – C.H. Spurgeon

“Some who have ordinary gifts are used in extraordinary ways because they deliver not only a message, but also themselves.”  
– Erwin Lutzer

### *3. The example of humility: living like godly leaders (4:8-13)*

- the error of boasting prematurely

Rev. 3:17  
Jn. 16:33

- God’s servants in the past

Gen. 18:27; 32:10; Ex. 3:11; Jn. 1:26-27; Mt. 3:13-14;  
Lk. 5:8; Acts 20:19; 1 Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8; 1 Tim. 1:15

### CONCLUSION