

“The Measure of a Minister, Part 3”

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 4:14-21

DO: A role model or mentor is someone to emulate. Who has fulfilled these roles in your life? Who looks to you as a role model or mentor? Reflecting honestly on v20, is your Christian life more a matter of talk or power?

BIG IDEA: The Minister is a FATHER; the goal is TENDERNESS.

*“For you may have countless instructors in Christ,
but you don’t have many fathers.*

For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

1 Corinthians 4:15 (CSB)



A Father is the founder of the family. (v14-15)



A Father is the mentor for the family. (v16-17)



A Father is the disciplinarian of the family. (v18-21)

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READ: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

THINK: Review this passage on the Minister as a Father, then ask yourself these questions: *What is the essence of Paul’s “warning” in these verses? Who did God use as a spiritual “parent” in your life? Paul tells his readers to imitate his way of life; how do we encourage others to imitate our lives on the one hand and then not follow after one leader or another? What role is Timothy to play at the Corinth Bible Church? Should Christ-followers “walk the walk” or “talk the talk”, or both? Why? If the Apostle Paul was to come to WBC today, would he come with “a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness”? Why?*