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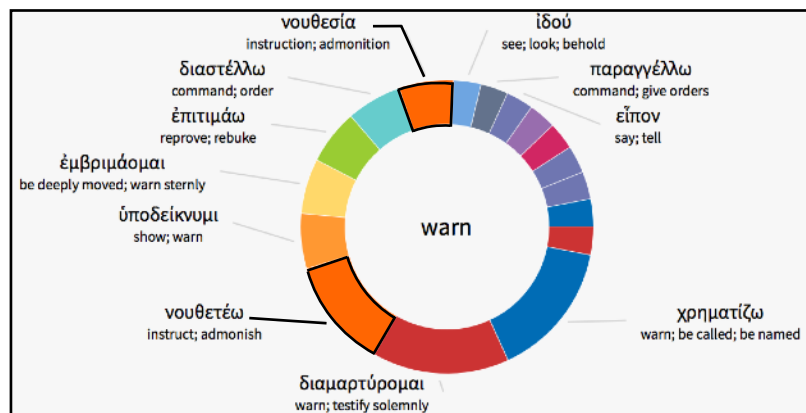
This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Are you able to name a person(s) who led you to understand salvation? How important are they to you now? Are they like a mother or father?
2. What does it look like when what is taught and what is practiced do not line up in a believer? How powerful is it when believers walk with integrity?
3. What steps should we take if we find we are not “walking the talk”? In other words, what are ways to establish integrity and consistency between what we say we believe and what we do?
4. Encourage the people around you now by sharing what areas of integrity and consistency you see in them.

YOU ARE . . .	WE ARE . . .
already satisfied & rich	condemned, a spectacle
already kings (reigning)	fools for Christ
wise in Christ	weak
strong	dishonored
honored	hungry & thirsty
	in rags
	brutally treated
	homeless
	engaged in manual labor
	cursed (we bless)
	persecuted (we endure)
	slandered (we answer kindly)
	considered scum, refuse



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. We will each give an account of our _____ to Christ before an _____ of one.
2. We have been entrusted with authority and _____ to demonstrate the way of the _____.

“THESE THINGS”

1 Corinthians 4:14a I am writing **this** . . . *taŭtan* is _____.

- 1.) Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 4:14-21 a summary _____ to all he had shared so far in his letter:
 - a. There cannot be divisions concerning essential doctrines.
 - b. Paul warned them about following men, and also following human wisdom (philosophies).
 - c. His purpose was to correct at least _____ spiritually unhealthy lifestyle patterns - the first being divisions.

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel —not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

- d. Paul’s purpose in writing was to encourage godly living. His message was simply, “your position in Christ is secure, now let’s work on your practice.”

DEAR CHILDREN

1 Corinthians 4:14 I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. ¹⁵ Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

1.) Paul _____ them to change. He wanted his letter to have a _____ influence. The warning was not to shame, provoke, or embitter.

a. *νουθετῶν* has the meaning “to advise someone concerning the dangerous consequences of some happening or action—to warn, warning”.

b. See back of insert to grasp the sense of *νουθετέω*, *νουθεσία*.

2.) Paul identified himself as _____ of their faith because they had placed faith in Christ through his _____.

a. He was not their _____ (*παιδαγωγός*). The guardian’s job was to oversee the well-being of the child.

b. The Corinthians had only one father in their faith.

BE LIKE ME

1.) As their father in the faith, Paul _____ his readers to be “like father, like son.”

1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

2.) Paul followed Jesus’ teaching in his walk. Therefore, Paul invited his readers to follow in his footsteps without reservation.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

LIVE WITH INTEGRITY AND CONSISTENCY

1 Corinthians 4:17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

1.) Timothy was a prime example of one who _____ Paul. He had journeyed with Paul and had been with him in Corinth.

2.) Timothy possessed the characteristic of being a _____ servant.

3.) Timothy’s role in Corinth was to remind the church what Paul taught _____ how Paul lived.

4.) Paul lived a life of _____. He taught according to the truth of God, and he lived what he taught.

5.) Paul lived a life of _____. He taught and practiced the _____ truth with all the churches everywhere.

WHAT WILL I FIND?

1 Corinthians 4:18 Some of you have become arrogant, as if I were not coming to you. ¹⁹ But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have. ²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

1.) Would Paul find _____?

a. In this first book to them, Paul referred to the Corinthians as making boasts (1 Cor. 3:21; 4:7; 5:6), being proud (5:2), and being puffed up (4:6). Would they humble themselves?

b. The kingdom of God does not demonstrate itself in mere talk. Paul’s _____ was evidenced in his _____.

2.) Would Paul find _____ understanding about authority?

HOW SHOULD I COME?

1 Corinthians 4:21 What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline, or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?

APPLICATION:

Let’s put this all together:

Dear children, be like me. Live with integrity and consistency even as I do as I teach. I will come to you soon. What will I find? How should I come?

Revelation 22:7 “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

Revelation 22:12 “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

Revelation 22:20 “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”