The Apostle Paul, as the spiritual father to the Corinthian Church, gave them a stern scolding to take to heart. (4:1-8)
The Apostle Paul, as the spiritual father to the Corinthian Church, gave them a faithful example to follow. (4:9-17)
The Apostle Paul, as the spiritual father to the Corinthian Church, gave them a serious warning of discipline if necessary. (4:18-21)

## **Application & Discussion Questions**

- 1. Do you have any questions about the meaning of today's passage?
- 2. What practical steps can you take to remind yourself that everything you have is a gift from God?
- 3. What does it look like for you to follow in the path of sacrifice, suffering, and shame that Jesus and the apostles walked on?
- 4. Whose example in life influences you? Do you need to make any changes to the examples that you are allowing to influence you?
- 5. What do you think Paul meant when he threatened to use a "rod" in verse 21?
- 6. How does today's passage speak truth into your life and challenge you personally?