

CALLED TO BE SAINTS **TOGETHER**

Spiritual Parenting

1 Corinthians 4:14-21 (ESV)

¹⁴I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. ²¹What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

The **premise**:

_____ is like _____.

_____ is _____.

The **problem**:

People have many _____.

People need a _____.

What we can learn about both **parenting** and **disciple-making**:

Spiritual parenting/disciple-making is **first** of all about ...

... _____ (v. 16)

What we _____ always speaks more loudly than what we _____.

Am I living a life worthy of _____?

Do those I parent/disciple see "my ways in Christ"?

What does this include?

Spiritual parenting/disciple-making is **secondly** about ...

... _____ (v. 17)

How did Timothy's presence validate Paul's message?

The Corinthians had many moral/behavioral problems, but they all stemmed from one problem:

A _____.

A priority then of both parenting and disciple-making is ...

What 'wisdom' and 'power' do our children (and those we disciple) need most? (v. 19-20)

Spiritual parenting/disciple-making is **thirdly** about ...

... _____ (v. 21)

For parents, this means ...

For disciple-makers, this means ...

My response today: