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## **I. The Influence of a Father**

### 1 Corinthians 4:14-16

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn *you*.

<sup>15</sup> For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

<sup>16</sup> Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

#### Matthew 23:8-9

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren.

<sup>9</sup> And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

# II. A Timothy is Hard to Find

#### 1 Corinthians 4:17

For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

#### Philippians 2:19-20

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

<sup>20</sup> For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

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## III. Life has the Choice of Love or a Rod

## 1 Corinthians 4:18-21

Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

<sup>19</sup> But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

<sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power. <sup>21</sup> What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?