

## The Corinthian Letters, Lesson 16, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:1-8, Worldview

- ↳ Their problem is worldview, how they see their world effects how they live, true for all of us, and their worldview was causing pride and boasting, strife, arrogance, division among them. Just because you are a Christian doesn't mean you have a Christian worldview, that's not immediately downloaded as a part of your salvation experience. Jesus had a Christian worldview, He didn't care if He had money or not, He didn't care what you thought about Him, He never sought to exalt Himself, never tried to rule only to serve, He never tried to make a life for Himself but only wanted to lay His life down. That's what a Christian worldview looks like in practice.
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### **1. The Bible/the truth is like a left-handed thread to our world.**

- ✓ There is a sense in which the entire bible is like a left-handed thread to the world we live in. The Bible tells us that the way to everlasting wealth is to acknowledge your spiritual poverty. The Bible says that the way to live is to die to yourself and the world. The Bible says that the way we rule is by serving.

### **2. The Corinthian church was working off the wrong worldview**

- ✓ Things were getting pretty tight in that church and Paul was trying to back them up the other way. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:7, "Who or what makes you think you are better than or different than each other?" Paul asks the Corinthians, "What makes you think you're superior to anyone?" Watch the contrast here: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:8, 10 and 13. These are very different labels: Kings and scum. These labels come from two opposing world-views. The world will label you no matter what you do, but you get to choose the label.

**If the world, who is turning the whole thing the wrong way, says you are good, successful, important, are you? If the world says you are going right, you need to turn the other way!**

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