

**"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO THINK
THEY ARE & THOSE WHO REALLY ARE"
I CORINTHIANS 4:6-21**

**I. THOSE WHO REALLY ARE, RECOGNIZE THAT THE GIFTS OF
GOD ARE SOLELY OF GRACE (4:6-7)**

A. Principle #1: No Individual Christian Is Better Than Another (4:6)

1. First Purpose: Men Should Not Elevate Other Christians
Beyond The Scriptural Positioning Of Men
2. Second Purpose: Men Should Not Exalt Themselves At The
Expense Of Others

B. Principle #2: Every Christian Is Indebted To God For What He
Currently Is (4:7)

1. Three Questions Designed To Hammer Home The Point
2. All Eyes On Christ

**II. THOSE WHO REALLY ARE, TASTE OF APOSTOLIC HARDSHIPS
(4:8-13)**

A. Contrast Between Paul And The Corinthian Believers (4:8-10)

1. The Criticism Takes On A Marked Progression In Three
Statements (4:8)
2. The Criticism Employs Some Of The Sights Of The First
Century By Way Of Comparison (4:9-10)

B. Contrast Between Paul And The World (4:11-13)

1. A Plethora Of Verbs And Participles Compound The Evidence
2. The Contrast Is Unmistakable