

## More than Conquerors ... *1 Corinthians 4:1-21*

*“As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”*

*...Romans 8:36-37 (NKJV)*

### 1. Servants (Ministers, KJV) and Stewards: V. 1-2...

- The Faithful Under-Rowers

### 2. Judgements: V. 3-5...

- Man/World's Judgement
- Self-Judgment
- The Lord's Judgment (*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*)

### 3. Beyond what is Written: V. 6...

- Dreamers, Works-Based Faith, and Degrees
- Puffed up, Leading to Pride and False Experience

### 4. Everything for CHRIST! V. 7...

- Who? ...The Lord is the Difference in our Lives
- What? ...Everything is a Blood Bought Gift
- Why? ...It is not for us to Boast, ...it is to Glorify the Lord

### 5. Fools who are wise in Christ: V. 8-13...

- Christ is our foundation...
- Content in all situations (even as sheep led to the slaughter)...

### 6. No shame, Speak through in Love: V. 14...

- Speaking uncomfortable truths... In Love...

### 7. Imitate me: V 15 - 16

- Leading like Christ, ...can we say the same thing?

### 8. Puffed up, Servant-Leaders (*Ministers and Stewards*) or Rod-Bearing Leaders: V. 17-21

- Puffed up, leading with Pride?
- *Leading with a Rod, or as a Servant with the Staff of a Shepard?*

# Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. As a man of God, do you tend to be most concerned with the Worlds Judgment, being Self-Condemning, or Listening to the Truth of who the Lord says you are as His adopted son? ...*explain!*
3. Since we can potentially drift into being like "Dreamers and Workers"... What kind of practical steps can we take to help us effectively stand firm in the Word of God, improve in speaking the Truth in Love, and Encouraging each other to Lead Well and Live Well? ...*explain!*
4. In times of Trials and Tribulations, do you struggle with Standing Firm on the Foundation of your Faith and the Biblical Truths of the Gospel? ...*explain!*
5. Read **1Corinthians 4:2** together... Biblically speaking, what does it mean to "be found faithful"? Share any added Scriptures that come to mind regarding *Faithfulness* and *Standing Firm* on the Word of God...
6. As a Leader in your home, do you lean toward Proud Authority or Servant Leadership? How can you improve as a loving Godly husband and/or father in your home, who reflects Love, Humility, and Kindness, ...along with Godly Strength and Wisdom?
7. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life?  
**How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?**

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Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)