

THE TRUE GOSPEL

100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS IN POWER

1Cor 4:15 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.

1Cor 4:16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

1Cor 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.

1Cor 4:18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

1Cor 4:19 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.

1Cor 4:20 For the KINGDOM OF GOD [is] not in word, but in power.

1Cor 4:21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and [in] the spirit of meekness?

Note: Beginning in chapter 1, the Apostle Paul admonished the Corinthians because they were contentious. Every one was saying, "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ." He reminded them that they were not baptized into any minister, but into Christ. He went on to say in Chapter 3 that Paul and Apollos are only ministers by whom they believed as the Lord gave to everyone. And all the ministers are theirs, and they are Christ's and Christ is God's. In chapter 4 he reminded them that ministers must be found faithful and went on to declare the conduct of his own ministry.

These last verses show that Paul was aware that some Corinthians were puffed up with an attitude of arrogance and prideful disrespect for him. He reminded them that according to their own attitude, he could come to them in the authority of the Kingdom of God teaching them in the spirit of love and meekness or with a rod that would be indicative of the Lord's anger.

A statement in 2 Corinthians explains that the sharpness he would use if he were present is for their edification, not for their destruction.

* 2Cor 13:10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

While God appointed the Apostles and ministers in the Church to teach and spiritually nourish the brethren with true doctrine, this tells us that the Kingdom of God is not just 'talk'. God's word is and will be backed up with his great power.