

*Tough Love Required*  
*1 Corinthians 4*

**Review:**

- Called to be [Holy](#) in the midst of a sinful city
- Focus on the [message](#) not the [messenger](#)
- Have the [mind of Christ](#)
- [Walk](#) and [work](#) as a spiritually mature believer
- Make it your aim in life to [please the Lord](#)

**1 Corinthians 4:14-16 - A pivotal point for Holy Living**

The essence of tough love in the body of Christ

- Never to [shame](#)
- But to [admonish](#)

The foundation for tough love in the body of Christ

- You are [greatly and dearly loved](#) (vv14)
- Jesus Christ has entrusted me to be [your spiritual parent](#) (v15)
- Take [this role very seriously](#) (v16)

**1 Corinthians 4:1-5 - Admonitions for Holy Living**

- Know your [audience](#). (v1)  
Followers of Christ must always remember that we play to an [audience of one](#) so that we may influence an [audience of everyone](#).
- Don't [Judge](#). (v5a)  
God will [serve](#) as the [righteous](#) judge.
- Check your [motives](#). (v5b)  
God's blessings are [not always](#) as they seem so don't get caught up in pride of accomplishments.

**1 Corinthians 4:11-13 - Guidelines for Holy Living**

- Don't get caught up in the [outward appearances of success](#) (v11)
- Be willing to [work hard](#) (v12a)
- When you are cursed — [bless them](#) (v12b)
- When you are slandered — [answer kindly](#) (v13)
- When you are persecuted — [be willing to endure](#) (v12c)

**1 Corinthians 4:19-21 - Tough Love is required - Shame or Admonish - Your choice!**