THE CORINTHIANS AND: The Apostles, the Father I Cor. 4:8-16

1. Already you are filled, already rich! Without us you have become kings! YOU AND WE And would that you did rule, so that we might rule with you! 2. I think that God has exhibited us apostles last, like men sentenced to death; THE PARABLE OF because we have become a spectacle **GOD'S SPECTACLE** to the world, to angels and to men. (the apostles' condition) 3. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. YOU AND WE You are held in honor, but we in dishonor. 4. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, **OUR CONDITION** and we labor, working with our own hands. 5. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure. **OUR RESPONSE** when slandered, we try to conciliate; TO OUR CONDITION we have become as the scapegoats of the world, 6.

the offscouring of all things until now.

OUR CONDITION

7. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers.

For I became your father in Jesus Christ through the gospel.

I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

CONCLUDING PERSONAL APPEAL

The above text compared with Hosea 11:1-9 and Luke 15:11-32

- 1. A father and his children appear in each.
- 2. The father is insulted and badly treated by his wayward children.
- 3. The father tries to reconcile/conciliate and calls his children beloved.
- 4. That father admonishes the wayward children.
- 5. That father goes beyond what is normally expected of a human father (Hosea, Jesus).
- 6. Compassion is mentioned specifically (Hosea, Jesus).

IMMORALITY AND ARROGANCE IN CORINTH I Cor. 4:17-5:6a

1. For this reason I sent to you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of *my ways in Christ Jesus*, as I teach them *everywhere in every church*.

THE TRADITION

- 2. Some are *arrogant*, as if I were not coming to you. ARROGANCE (these) But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, AND POWER and I will find out *not the talk* of these arrogant people but their *power*. For the *kingdom of God* does not consist of *talk* but *power*.
- 3. What do you want?
 Shall I come to you with a *rod*,
 or with *love* in a *spirit of gentleness*?

A ROD OR GENTLENESS?

4. Everyone has reported that there is *immorality among you*, and of a kind that is not found even among the *gentiles*; IMMORALITY AND for a man *has* (is living with) *his father's wife*. ARROGANCE (you) And you are **arrogant!** Ought you not rather to *mourn*?

5. Let him *be removed* from among you, the one who has done this.

For I, *absent in body*yet, *present in spirit*,
I have already judged, as present, the one who has done this.

HIM - REMOVE BODY SPIRIT HIM - JUDGED

6. In the *name* of the *Lord Jesus Christ*.

When you are assembled,
and my spirit is present,
with the power of our Lord Jesus,

NAME OF JESUS
YOU - GATHERED
SPIRIT
POWER OF JESUS

7. **surrender** this to **Satan** for the destruction of the **flesh**, that his **spirit may be saved** in the **day of the Lord**.

HIM - REMOVE FLESH SPIRIT DAY OF THE LORD

Your boasting is not good.