The Father's Blessing

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1 Corinthians 4:14-16, 1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Philippians 2:19-22 2 Corinthians 12:14-18, Ephesians 6:1-3, Hebrews 13:7,17

1 Corinthians 4:14

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

1 Corinthians 4:15

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

1 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain.

But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.

But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness -- God is witness.

Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children,

that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

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Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly l love you, the less I am loved.

Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you?

I urged Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?

Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:2

"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

Ephesians 6:3

"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

<u>Hebrews 13:17</u>

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.