

# foundational



1 Corinthians 3:21 — 4:6

**(1) What is the  
Human Problem?**

“How do I change?”

**Traditional:**

Problem— Thinking **too MUCH** of myself

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Problem— Thinking **too MUCH** of myself

Answer— **SHAME**

## **Modern:**

Problem— Thinking **too LITTLE** of myself

Answer— **SELF-ESTEEM**

## **Biblical Answer:**

**“Then you will not be puffed up...”**

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6 times for “**pride**” in 1 Cor.

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## Biblical Answer:

**over-inflated, swollen**

“Then you will not be **puffed up**...”

*(1 Cor. 4:6b, NIV)*

The natural human ego is:

- **empty**

The natural human ego is:

- empty
- **painful**

The natural human ego is:

- empty
- painful
- **busy**

The natural human ego is:

- empty
- painful
- busy
- **fragile**

## **(2) The Supernatural Possibility**

**“I care very little if I am judged by you or any human court. Indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear but that does not make me innocent.”**

*(1 Cor. 4:3, 4a, NIV)*



“I care very little if I am **judged** by you or any human authority. In fact, indeed, I do not even judge myself. My **verdict** My conscience is clear but that does not make me **innocent.**”

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**(3) How do I get there?**

**“My conscience is clear but that  
does not make me innocent.”**

*(1 Cor. 4:4a, NIV)*

“My conscience is clear but that  
does not make me **innocent.**”

(1 Cor. 4:14 NIV)

**justifies**

**“It is the Lord who judges me.”**

*(1 Cor. 4:4b, NIV)*

**“Therefore, there is now  
no condemnation for you  
in Christ Jesus.”** *(Romans 8:1, NIV)*

**“All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.”**

*(1 Corinthians 3:21-23, NIV)*



**Rest in God's Verdict**

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