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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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Answer— **SHAME**

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Answer— **SHAME**

Modern:

Problem— Thinking **too LITTLE** of myself

Traditional:

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...”

(1 Cor. 4:6b, NIV)

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

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Biblical Answer:

6 times for “**pride**” in 1 Cor.

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

(1 Cor. 4:6b, NIV)

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** 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 court. Indeed, I do not even judge myself. 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. 4:4 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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