

## "God's Love Letter To an Unlovely Church"

### "The Rules for Spiritual Parenting"

*1 Corinthians 4:14-21 14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.*

#### 1. What Is a Spiritual Parent - Vs 15

*Philemon 1:10*

But what about *Matthew 23:9* (

#### 2. How Does a Spiritual Father "Father"?

a. They Confront to Correct and Change, Not Criticize To Cover and Control  
- vs 14

b. They Are Examples and Not Exempt - 16

*Gal 2:11-14*

c. They Use the Body of Christ and Are Not a Solo Act - 17

*Romans 12:4-5*

d. They Submit to Providence and Are Not Suspect - 19

Paul accepted God providential overrule in his spiritual parenting

*Acts 16:6-10*

e. They Are Apporopriatly Flexible and Not Inappropriitly Rigid - 21

*Acts 16:1-3 vs Gal 2:3-6*

f. They Are Impressed By Fruit and Not Fooled by Gifts - 20

*1 Cor 13*

#### 3. Spiritual Parents and Their Spiritual Children Must Not Forget Their Limits - 17

They Know Where Their...

***In Christ – 4X - Why?***