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18 Some of you have become arrogant, as if I were not coming to you.

19 But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have. **20** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

21 What do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline, or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?



1. By All Means

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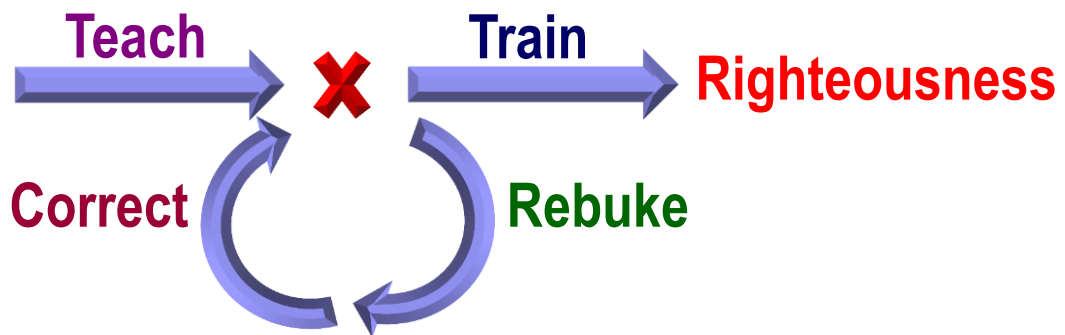
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Christ-Likeness



2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for **teaching**, **rebuking**, **correcting** and **training** in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



1 Corinthians 4:17, 20-21

Train in righteousness

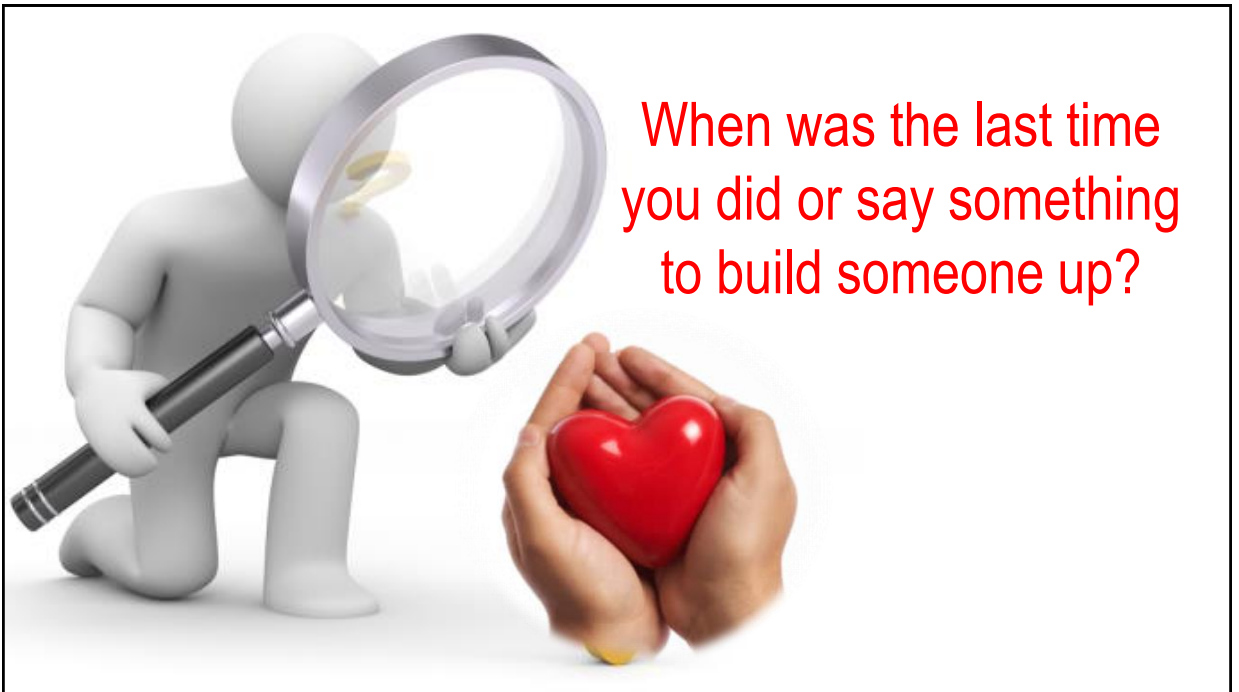
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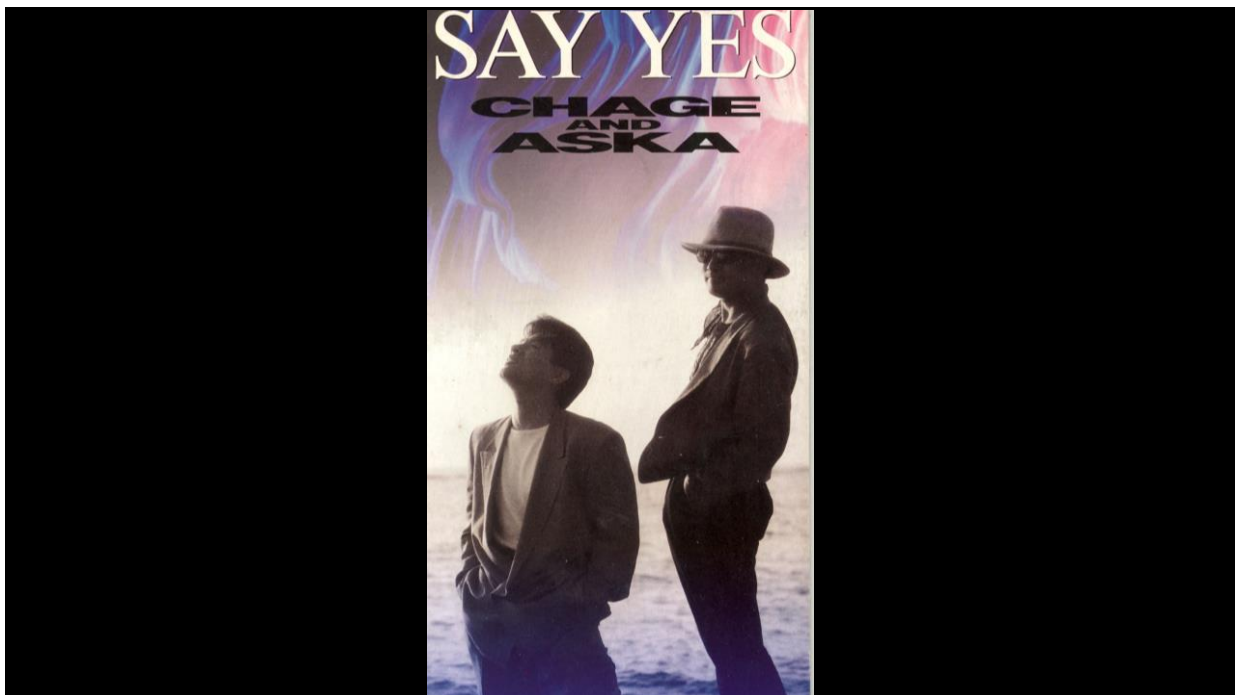
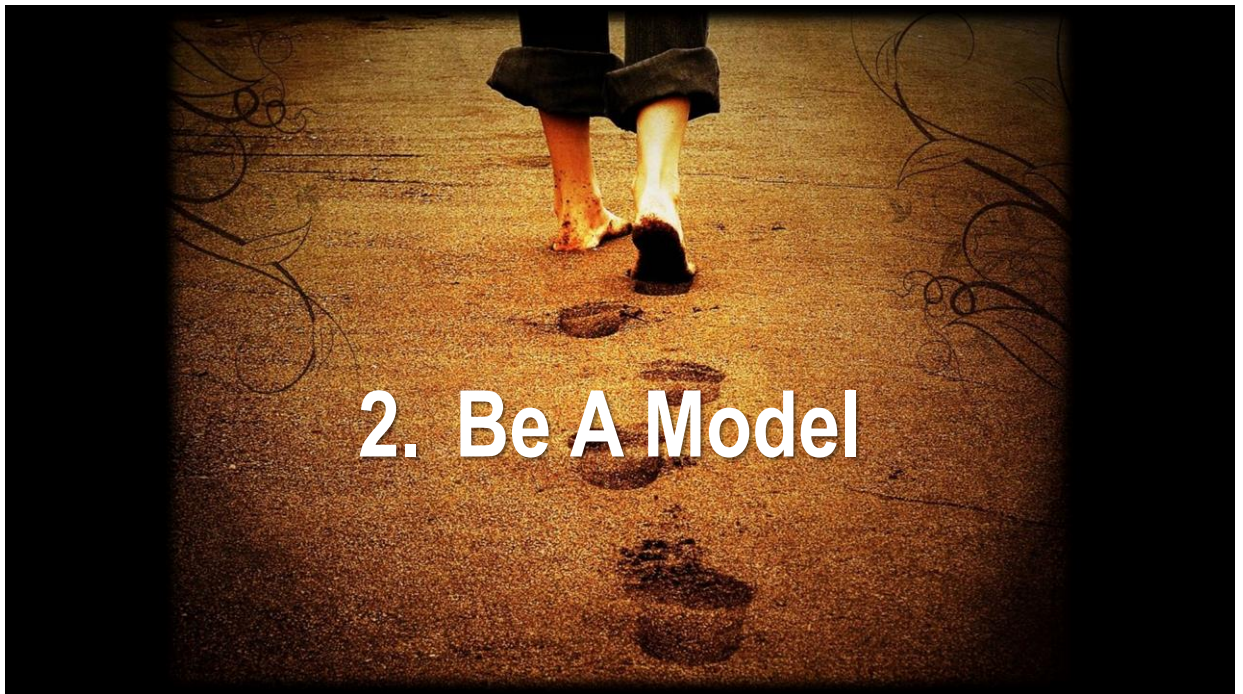
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Rebuke







1 Corinthians 4:16
(AMP)
So I urge you,
be imitators of me
[just as a child imitates
his father].

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He will remind you of my **way of life in Christ Jesus**, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.



1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example
as I follow
the example of Christ.



**Are you living out
the way of life in Christ**



3. For the Master



1 Corinthians 4:15, 17

15 Even if you had ten thousand guardians **in Christ**, you do not have many fathers, for **in Christ Jesus** I became your father through the gospel. **17** For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful **in the Lord**. He will remind you of my way of life **in Christ** Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.



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1 Corinthians 4:14-15 (MSG)

I'm writing as a father to you, my children.
I love you and want you to grow up well, not spoiled.
There are a lot of people around who can't wait to tell you
what you've done wrong, but there aren't many fathers willing
to **take the time** and **effort** to **help you grow up**.



1 Corinthians 12:31b

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.



1 Corinthians 4:21

What do you prefer?

Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline,
or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?



Are you willing
to mentor the
next generation?



