

## To Start with...

### I. Greetings to You (1:1-3)

Be mindful of the God-given position and responsibility of God's people in your interactions with them.

### II. God's Doings in You (1:4-9)

Be thankful for the God-given ability and destiny of God's people, even when they need correction.

The best way to start a difficult conversation is with the grace of God.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. When you are upset with another's misconduct do you first point it out, or commend them for the good you see in them? Can you give an example?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. What do the words apostle, sanctified, and saints, all have in common?

What purpose would it serve for Paul to use these words as he opens his letter to the Corinthian church?

When and why is it important for us to see these positions and responsibilities in other Christians? Can you give examples?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9. Paul expressed his thankfulness to God for the grace He had given to the Corinthian church. What aspect of that grace do you see in verses 4-7?

What aspect of that grace do you see in verse 8?

What makes Paul confident this grace will prove to be successful?

4. What are your first thoughts when you see another believer needing correction for their conduct?

How might you react differently toward them if you saw the grace of God in their life first?

5. Paul seems to imply, by the things he says about the Corinthian believers in this passage, that knowing this will affect their conduct. In what ways?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon for you?