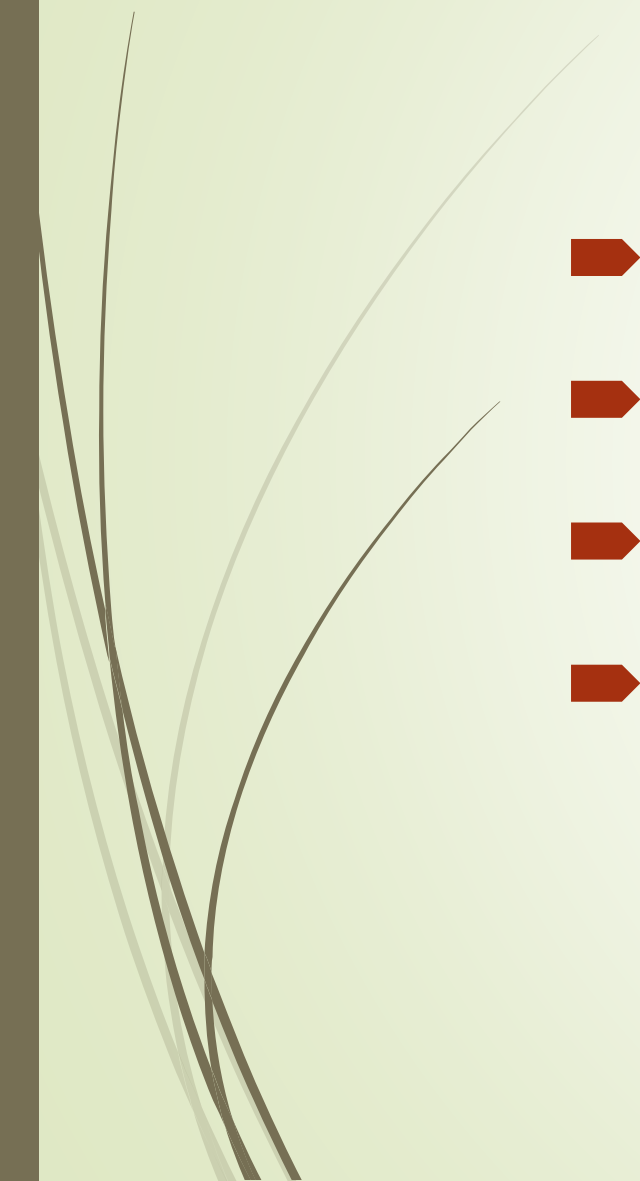




The Ultimate Apologetic



4 CRITICAL QUESTIONS


- Origin – where did I come from?
 - Meaning – Why am I here?
 - Morality – How should I live?
 - Destiny – Where am I headed?
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IS IT REALLY
“NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS”

COLOSSIANS 3:16



¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16



KEY TERMS

- Teach: to provide instruction in a formal or informal setting.
- Admonish: to provide instruction as to correct behavior and belief—‘to instruct, to teach, instruction, teaching.


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WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

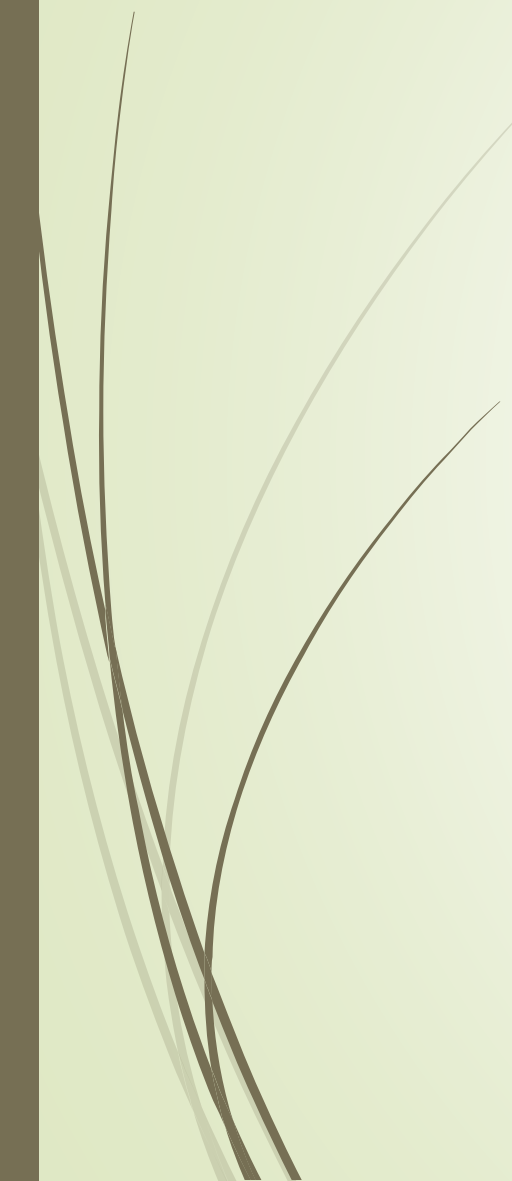
¹⁴ I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Romans 15:14



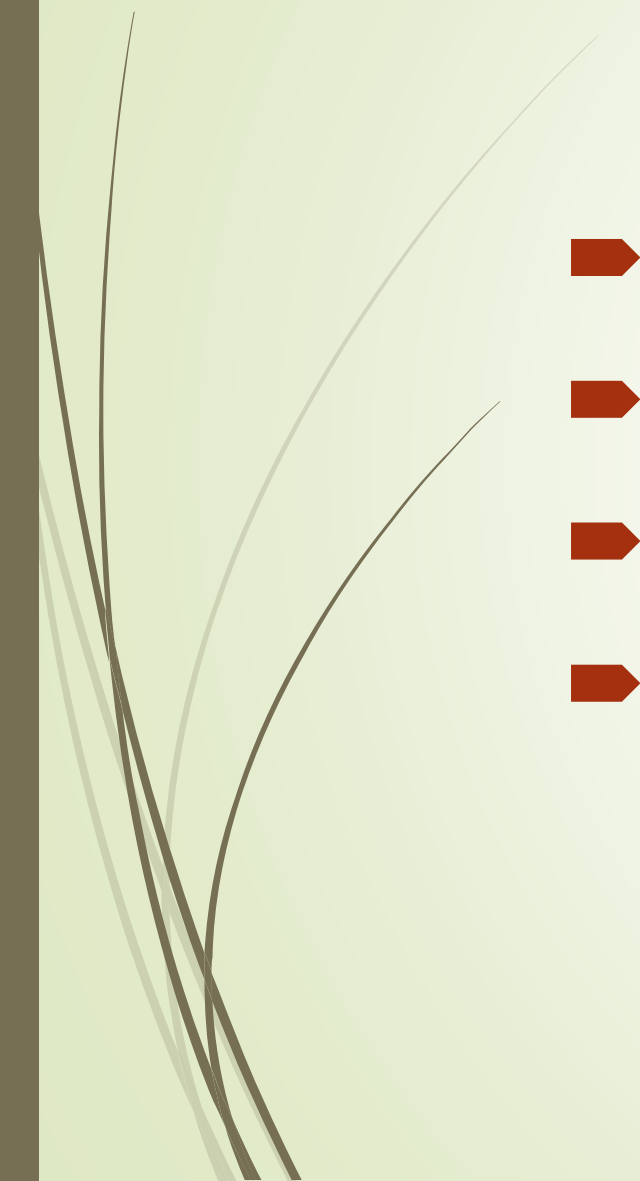
LUKE 6:41-42

41 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.



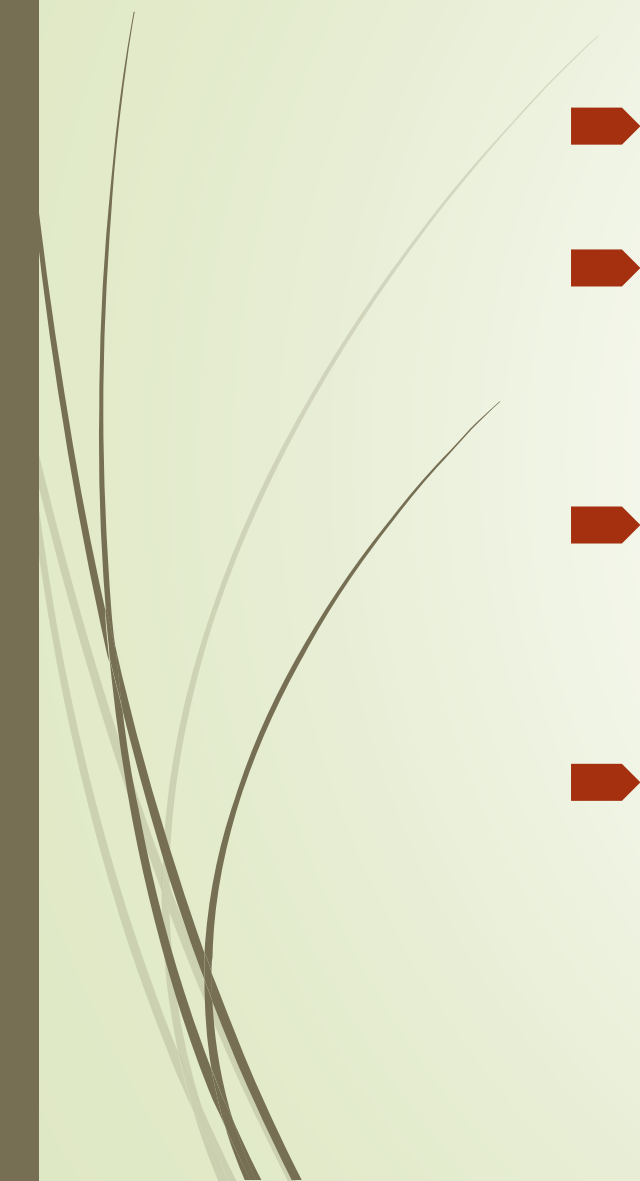


WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

- The family
 - Friends in Christ
 - Your peer group
 - The church at large
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WHAT ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR?

- We are custodians of the grace of God
 - We are responsible to correct aberrant beliefs
 - We are to address inappropriate behavior
 - Anything what would detract from the manifest glory of God
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How?

¹⁴ I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children.

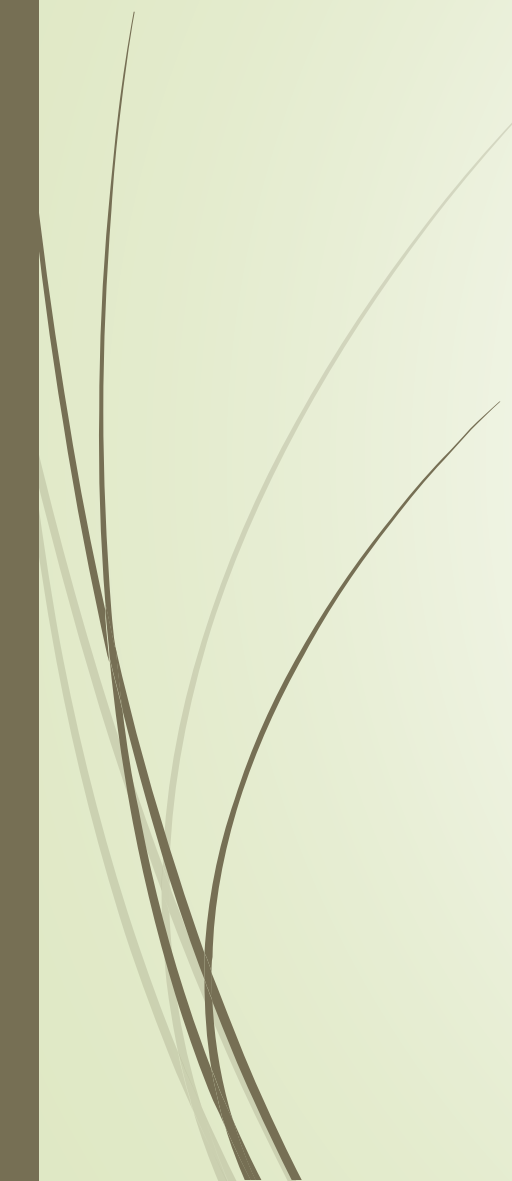
1 Corinthians 4:14





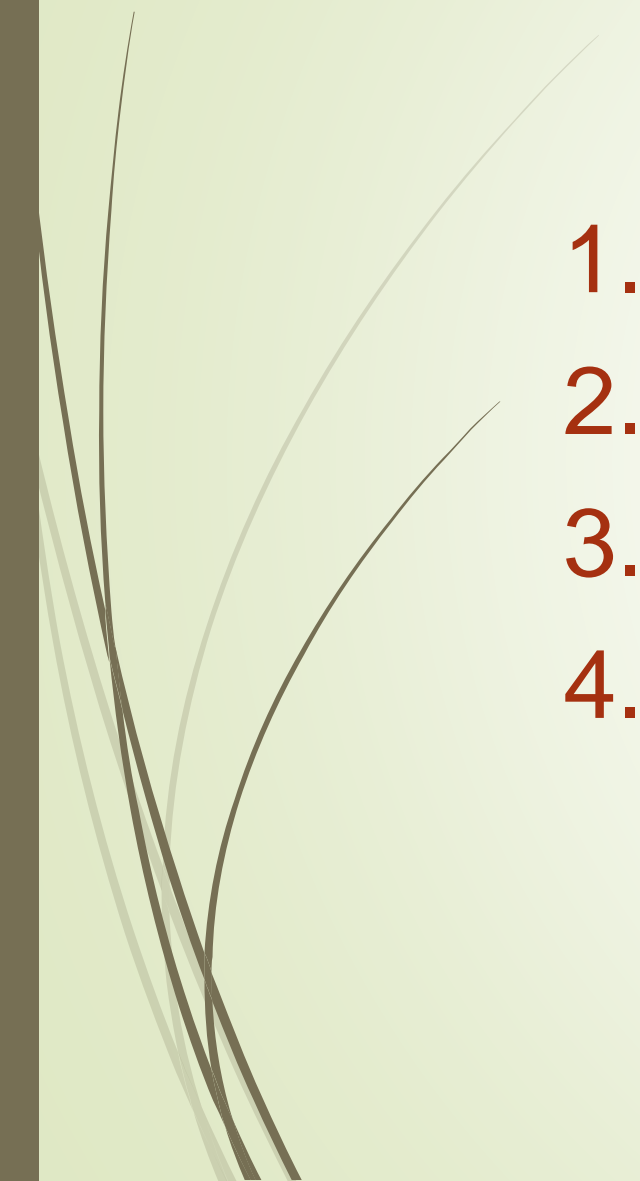
MATTHEW 18:15-17

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.





NEEDED

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1. Concern for the glory of God
 2. Recognition that truth is true
 3. Love for those you admonish
 4. Willing to listen and answer



SO WHAT?

- Do you know why you are here?
 - How have your expectations regarding morality been established?
 - How does your relationship with Christ influence your standards of conduct?
 - Do you have a responsibility to and for your fellow Christians?
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