

Boast in The Lord! (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

Introduction: *Watch out what you boast about...*

- I. GOD GIVES US HIS POWER (1 Cor. 24-25,30)
 - A. Power for life is offered elsewhere
 - 1. Our society is no different than it was in 1st century Corinth (vv.20,26)
 - 2. This is also true in the Church, then & now (vv.12, 16, Rom. 3:27; Eph. 2:8-9)
 - B. God's power is in the Cross
 - 1. It is not influential as the world counts influence, power & success (vv, 27, 23)
 - 2. Yet it is the cross that *"brings to nothing the things that are"* (vv. 28-29)
- II. GOD GIVES HIS POWER THAT WE CAN LIVE IN & FOR HIM
 - A. We then boast that in Christ we have all we really need (vv. 30-31)
 - B. We boast that our sins are forgiven & our lives are renewed to live for Him & for others (Psalm 34:1-3)

Conclusion: A Consumer Reports boast: *"How to clean anything!"*