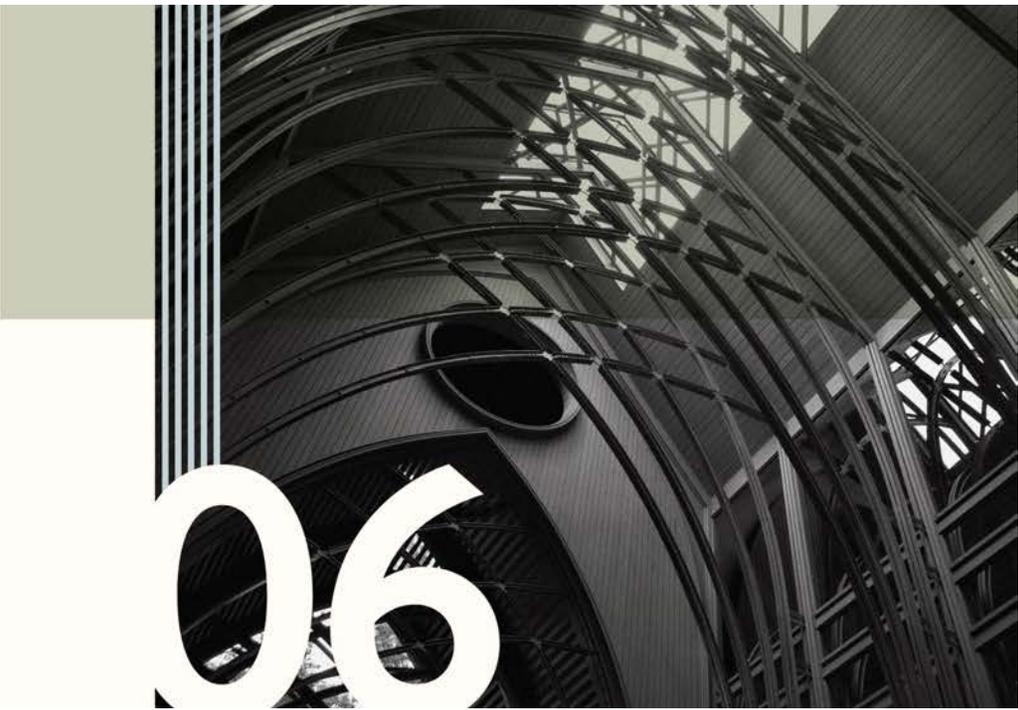
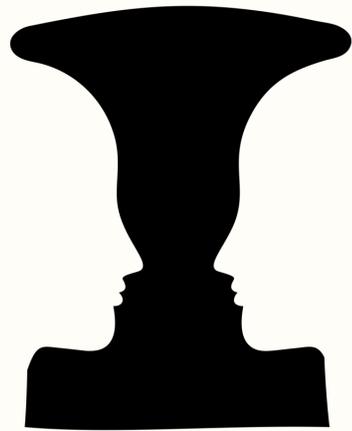


1 Corinthians 4:1-21

# THE WISDOM OF LEADERS WHO SERVE



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“Rubin’s Vase” or “Rubin’s Faces”  
Edgar Rubin, 1915



**“My Wife and Mother-in-Law”**  
William Ely Hill, 1915



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## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS THE WORLD SEES

### Spectacular Fools

#### 1 Corinthians 4:9-13 <sup>NET</sup>

For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to die, because **we have become a spectacle to the world,** both to angels and to people. <sup>10</sup> **We are fools for Christ,** but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, we are dishonored! <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, poorly clothed, brutally treated, and without a roof over our heads. <sup>12</sup> We do hard work, toiling with our own hands. When we are verbally abused, we respond with a blessing, when persecuted, we endure, <sup>13</sup> when people lie about us, we answer in a friendly manner. We are the world's dirt and scum, even now.

CROWN  
FOCUSED



TWO VIEWS OF  
SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP



CROSS  
SHAPED





## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus

1 Corinthians 4:1<sup>NET</sup>

One should think about us this way - as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.



## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus  
Steward of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 4:1<sup>NET</sup>

One should think about us this way - as servants of Christ and  
stewards of the mysteries of God.



## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus  
Steward of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 4:2 <sup>NET</sup>

Now what is sought in stewards is that **one be found faithful.**



## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus  
Steward of the Gospel  
Father (Mother) in the Faith

### 1 Corinthians 4:14-15 <sup>NET</sup>

I am not writing these things to shame you, but to correct you as my **dear children**.<sup>15</sup> For though you may have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, because I became your **father in Christ Jesus through the gospel**.



## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus  
Steward of the Gospel  
Father (Mother) in the Faith

1 Corinthians 4:16 <sup>NET</sup>

I encourage you, then, be **imitators of me.**



## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus  
Steward of the Gospel  
Father (Mother) in the Faith

1 Corinthians 4:16 <sup>NET</sup>

I encourage you, then, be imitators of me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 <sup>NET</sup>

Be **imitators of me**, just as **I also am of Christ**.



## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AS GOD SEES

Servant of Jesus  
Steward of the Gospel  
Father (Mother) in the Faith  
A Life Worth Pursuing

### 1 Corinthians 4:4-5 <sup>NET</sup>

For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not acquitted because of this. The one who judges me is the Lord.  
<sup>5</sup> So then, do not judge anything before the time. Wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the motives of hearts. Then **each will receive recognition (praise) from God.**