

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

THE WISDOM OF LEADERS WHO SERVE





HOW TO TREAT A PASTOR

Servants with a Holy Task
Servants Held Accountable
Servants to be Judged by God

1 Corinthians 4:1 ^{NIV}

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1 Corinthians 4:2 ^{NIV}

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.



1 Timothy 3:1-3 ^{NIV}

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.



1 Timothy 3:8-10 NIV

In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain.⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.



1 Timothy 4:15-16 ^{NIV}

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

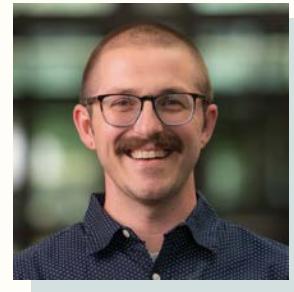




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1 Corinthians 4:3-5 NIV

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself.⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.



“...people with high self-esteem pose a higher threat to those around them than people with low self-esteem and feeling bad about yourself is not the source of our country’s biggest, most expensive social problems.”

- LAUREN SLATER



I kinda wanna throw my phone across the room
'Cause all I see are girls too good to be true
With paper-white teeth and perfect bodies
Wish I didn't care

I know their beauty's not my lack
But it feels like that weight is on my back
And I can't let it go

And I see everyone getting all the things I want
And I'm happy for them, but then again, I'm not
Just cool vintage clothes and vacation photos
I can't stand it, oh, God, I sound crazy

Their win is not my loss
I know it's true
But I can't help getting caught up in it all

Comparison is killing me slowly
I think, I think too much
'Bout kids who don't know me
I'm so sick of myself
I'd rather be, rather be
Anyone, anyone else
My jealousy, jealousy,
Started following me

“JEALOUSY, JEALOUSY” | OLIVIA RODRIGO



“Hence Paul trustfully leaves everything in the hands of God who alone has competency to judge in an absolute, irrevocable sense. Neither other people’s verdicts nor one’s own self-awareness can penetrate unconscious motives and stance: everything, these included, are left with God.”

- ANTHONY THISELTON



“Much time is spent among Christians trying to smooth over hurt feelings and even deep wounds, given and received, and to get people to stop being angry, retaliatory, and unforgiving. But suppose, instead, we devoted our time to inspiring and enabling Christians and other to be people who are not offendable and not angry and who are forgiving as a matter of course.”

- DALLAS WILLARD



Romans 3:22-24 NIV

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**WHAT WE CELEBRATE,
WE CULTIVATE AND ACCELERATE**

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**If we want more leaders who are faithful and fruitful,
we must celebrate faithfulness and fruitfulness,
not talent and charisma.**