

The Faithful Servant

a study in 1 Cor. 4:1-5

I. Introduction

A Godly leader is both a servant of God and a faithful steward

II. How to Detect a Servant of God

1. The term “servant” of God must be a _____ of the person and not simply a title
2. The servant of God is to teach the _____ of God
3. A servant is a _____ who is found to be _____
4. A servant of God knows that they will be judged by *His* _____
5. A servant of God knows that they must present the whole of their lives and work to the Lord as an _____

III. Who is the Judge?

1. Our Judge is _____ the one true God
 - i. **Ps. 75:7** – “But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another.”
 - ii. **Is. 66:16** – “For the LORD will execute His judgment by fire, And by His sword on all flesh, and those slain by the LORD will be many.”
 - iii. **2 Tim. 4:8** – “in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

IV. His Criteria for the Leaders of His Church

1. One who can _____ handle the word of Truth
2. One who can handle his _____ and _____ well
3. One who lovingly _____ God’s people well
4. One who _____ in all ways and in all things

V. Conclusion

1. God expects much of those whom He has entrusted with His revealed mysteries
2. No one will be able to hide anything from the Righteous Judge of All
3. Those who wish to be leaders must be servants of God and good stewards of His House

Answer Key:

I. Introduction

II. How to Detect a Servant of God

1. The term “servant” of God must be a **DESCRIPTION** of the person and not simply a title
2. The servant of God is to teach the **TRUTHS** of God
3. A servant is a **STEWARD** who is found to be **TRUSTWORTHY**
4. A servant of God knows that they will be judged by *His* **HOLY STANDARD**
5. A servant of God knows that they must present the whole of their lives and work to the Lord as an **OFFERING**

III. Who is the Judge?

1. Our Judge is **YAHWEH**, the one true God

IV. His Criteria for the Leaders of His Church

1. One who can **RIGHTLY** handle the word of Truth
2. One who can handle his **DESIRES** and **THOUGHTS** well
3. One who lovingly **LEADS** God’s people well
4. One who **HONORS GOD** in all ways and in all things