

1 Corinthians 4

Vocabulary

Mysteries - Things not revealed in the Old Testament, now revealed through the New Testament gospel.

A trust - A responsibility

Fools for Christ - Paul's depiction of how some view him and other gospel ministers.

Kingdom of God - In this context, the realm where God reigns

Point to Ponder

How should we view ministers of the gospel?

Questions

1. Paul doesn't want to be placed on a pedestal. How does he want to be viewed?
V.1-2 _____
2. Why is Paul not concerned about how others view him? see v.3-4

3. If we can make judgments about all things (1 Cor 2:15), and if Paul himself says he has already passed judgment on the sinful man in chapter 5, why does he say here that he doesn't even judge himself, and that we should judge nothing before the appointed time? v. 5 _____
4. What does it mean to "not go beyond what is written?" v.7-8 _____

- Where are areas where the church sometimes goes beyond what is written?

5. In verses 8-14, Paul sarcastically says "You guys have everything and you are so wise, and we are fools for Christ who have nothing and suffer a lot for the sake of the gospel. Why does he tell them this? See v. 14-16 _____

6. Why does Paul send Timothy to this church? See v. 17 _____

7. Sometimes we need to be reminded that living for Christ means to be totally devoted to His work and to treat others the way He treated others. What area of your life do you struggle the most to be Christlike? _____

8. What gives Paul the authority to come to this church with words of authority?
see v. 15 _____

True/False

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| 1. Paul wants everyone in the church to eat dark chocolate cashew bark at least once a month. | T/F |
| 2. Paul wants the church to recognize him and his coworkers as servants of Christ and entrusted with his message. | T/F |
| 3. We should stick to what the Bible says and not add anything to it. | T/F |
| 4. Paul describes some of the sufferings he has experienced for Christ, He blames it all on the Democrats. | T/F |
| 5. Paul doesn't like it when Christians act arrogant, including Pastor Marc. | T/F |