

Apostles of Christ - 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

Topics: Conscience, Discipline, Example, Faithfulness, Judgment, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Motives, Persecution, Pride

Open It

- * 1. What kinds of things do people usually brag about?
- 2. Why would a person boast about a gift he or she had received?
- 3. Who is someone you look up to and try to be like? In what way?

Explore It

- * 4. How did Paul want the Corinthians to regard Christian leaders? (4:1)
- 5. What does this passage teach about the life of an apostle? (4:1-5, 8-16)
- * 6. What attitudes should Christian leaders have? (4:2-4)
- 7. Whom did Paul take pains to avoid judging? Why? (4:3-5)
- 8. Why should we judge “nothing before the appointed time”? (4:5)
- 9. How were the Corinthians going beyond the teaching of Scripture in their behavior and attitudes? (4:6)
- * 10. Why did Paul warn the Corinthians about pride? (4:7-13)
- 11. In what way had Paul become a father to the Corinthians? (4:15)
- 12. Why did Paul send Timothy to the Corinthians? (4:17)
- 13. How is the kingdom of God a “matter of power”? (4:20)

Get It

- 14. How does God want Christians to treat church leaders?
- 15. What qualities should Christian leaders have?
- 16. What did Paul mean when he said that he did not even judge himself?
- 17. Why should we not judge our own service to God or even that of other people?
- 18. How can we be faithful to the trust that God has given us?
- 19. How closely do you think our lives should conform to Paul’s own experience?
- 20. How should we respond to Paul’s instruction to imitate him?
- * 21. What exemplary qualities about Paul should we imitate? How?
- 22. What about Paul’s character do you want to copy?
- 23. What more mature Christian do you want to be like? How?
- * 24. What problems do Christians create when they divide into factions and elevate some leaders over others?
- 25. How can a church’s unity be threatened by personal disputes?
- 26. How can you allow the power of the kingdom to be more active in your life?

Apply It

- * 27. What is one way you could imitate the example or wisdom of a more mature Christian you know?
- 28. How can you remember to avoid a judgmental spirit toward others this week?