

LESSON 7
A VIEW OF MINISTERS
1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-21

I. Faith servants (4:1-5)

A. The proper view of ministers (4:1)

- Paul points out that he and Apollos are simply just _____.
- They are stewards of the _____.

B. The responsibility of a minister (4:2)

- As stewards of the gospel, they must be _____.

C. The true measure of the minister (4:3-4)

- God's servants cannot be judged by _____.
- God's servants will ultimately be _____.

D. The true judgment (4:5)

- God is the only one who can _____ the nature of one's ministry.

II. True Apostleship (4:6-13)

A. The application (4:6)

- Just as human wisdom cannot judge ministry, it should not be use to _____.

B. The futility of boasting (4:7)

- Each one has no basis for boasting, since God is the source of _____.

C. Spiritual blindness (4:8)

- Paul points out that they think that they are _____.

D. The apostles' true condition (4:9-13)

- Paul compares his _____ to their boasting.
- Paul points out that they, as apostles, have endured the _____.

III. The Challenge (4:14-21)

A. The purpose in writing (4:14)

- Paul is not writing them to bring shame, but to _____.

B. Paul's relationship to them (4:15)

- While they have many teachers, he is their only _____.

C. Paul's encouragement (4:16)

- Paul tells them to follow his _____.

D. The purpose of Timothy's visit (4:17)

- Timothy was sent to remind them of the _____.

E. The prideful actions of some (4:18)

- Some arrogantly felt that Paul would never _____.

F. Paul's future visit (4:19-21)

1. Paul's desire to visit (4:19)

- Paul states that he plans to visit them and deal with _____.

2. True spirituality (4:20)

- The kingdom of God is not just talk, but living in _____.

3. The manner of his visit (4:21)

- It is not a question when Paul will come, but how _____.
- The Corinthians will determine the _____.