

# Maintain stewardship under the scrutiny of others

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was emphasizing the fact that he and other Christian workers were subordinates of Christ, who called them to serve. We should never forget that Christian leaders are to point others to Christ, not seek to make a name for themselves or divide the body of Christ in any way.

2. What was the role of a steward in an ancient household (1 Cor. 4:1)?

The word translated "stewards," chiefly relates to a person who manages another's estate or household. Stewards were common in the ancient world, and Christ used this concept to illustrate service in His kingdom (see Luke 12: 42, 16:1).

Whereas the word "ministers" (vs. 1) looked at the subordinate role of Christian

leaders, "stewards" emphasized the responsibility given to those teaching or otherwise ministering to God's people. Though he was a very important servant in an ancient household, the steward was never to forget that he was still only a servant and ultimately answerable to his master.

3. How is the word "mysterics" used in Paul's writings (1 Cor. 4:1)?

The Greek word for mysterics referred to that which could not be comprehended apart from divine revelation. (See Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:9; Col. 1:27; 1 Tim. 3:16).

Paul used the term "mysterics" to mean the spiritual truths of the gospel that had been revealed through Christ. As gospel preachers, Paul and Apollos had been

entrusted as stewards with what God had revealed to them (see Gal. 1:11-12).

Factual judgment-1 Corinthians 4:3-5.

4. What points was Paul trying to make when talking about judging in verses 3 through 5?

Paul-as both a servant and a steward-was not particularly concerned about whether he passed the scrutiny of the Corinthians. As the Lord's servant, it was a "small thing" to be judged by another servant, since all will have to answer to the one Master.

The reference to "man's judgment (v. 3)" is likely an allusion to a human court. And since Paul had already stood before civil courts for preaching the gospel and had suffered their wrath, he was not terribly concerned about this because he knew that in

the end, the judges who judged him would themselves be judged by God Almighty. He was saying that it would be better to suffer the wrath of mankind for preaching Christ than to answer to God for failing to do so (see Psa. 9:16). What a powerful statement! Can we say the same that we would choose to suffer at the hand of man for the cause of Christ rather than to answer to God for not doing the same?

The statement, "For I know nothing against myself (1 Cor. 4:4)" means that Paul's conscience was clear regarding his actions. However, he didn't want to give the impression that he was either proud or presumptuous, so he added, "Yet I am not justified by this." His own ignorance of any guilt on his part did not thereby acquit (or clear) him

of any wrongdoing before God. God would still judge him accordingly-minister, steward, or not.

Fools for Christ-1 Corinthians 4:6-13.

5. Why did Paul use himself and Apollos as examples (1 Cor. 4:6)?

Because Paul and Apollos were the primary preachers in the earliest days of the Corinthian Church, it was appropriate for Paul to use himself and Apollos as examples.

6. What scene is pictured with the apostles being "last" and "appointed to death" (v. 9)?

The picture Paul used was probably that of a victorious Roman general being met by enthusiastic crowds. At the head of the procession were the conquerors, followed by the spoils of war-trophies, as if

were, of a great triumph. The very last people in the procession, though, were prisoners who were condemned to death. These men would be taken to the arena, where they would be forced to fight the champions of Rome or to be devoured by wild beasts.

This was the lot of the apostles too. According to tradition, all the apostles except John died martyrs' deaths. They were therefore "made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men (v. 9)"

7. What were some of the things the apostles and others had to suffer in the early days of the church (v. 11)?

They were without proper food, clothing, or housing-even as they labored to supply their own needs (v. 12).

## Trainer of civil rights leaders dies in Atlanta

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ATLANTA—Funeral services were held Saturday for the Rev. Melvin H. Watson, who helped train Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders.

Watson, who lived in Atlanta, died Monday at Crawford Long Hospital, said Walter Earl Fluker of Atlanta, executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College and Watson's son-in-law. Watson was 98.

The funeral is scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday at Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College.

As senior pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Atlanta and a religion professor at Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Religion and the Interdenominational Theological Center, Watson exerted a quiet influence for more than half a century.

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