

“The Measure of a Minister, Part 1”

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Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 4:1-6

- **So don't judge according to the wrong standard. (v6a)**
- **So don't judge with the wrong motive. (v6b)**

BIG IDEA: The Minister is a SERVANT; the goal is FAITHFULNESS.

“Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit.”

1 Corinthians 4:6 (CSB)



A Servant must be trustworthy. (v1)

- **A Servant is entrusted by Christ and God. (v1)**
- **A Servant is entrusted with mysteries. (v1)**



A Servant must be faithful. (v2)

- **A Servant is required to be faithful. (v2)**
- **A Servant is faithful to his master. (v2)**



A Servant must be judged. (v3-6)

- **A Servant is judged by others. (v3a)**
- **A Servant is judged by himself. (v3b-4a)**
- **A Servant is judged by God. (v4b-6)**
 - **So don't judge at the wrong time. (v5)**

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READ: 1 Corinthians 4:1-6

THINK: Reflect on the Minister as a Servant, then ask yourself these questions: *What is the most menial job you ever had? What did you like and/or dislike about it? Do you see yourself more as an “under-rower” or the one calling the shots? How could Paul’s conscience be undependable (v3-4)? Has your conscience ever differed with God’s evaluation of your life and conduct? How do you feel about the Lord “bringing to light” what is hidden and exposing the motives of our hearts (v5)? How can we live so that what is revealed will be less surprising and embarrassing?*

DO: How can you help your pastors and deacons be accountable, accepted, and affirmed? Commit to daily prayer for the WBC Leadership to be faithful.