

## “The Measure of a Minister, Part 2”

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Sunday, April 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*1 Corinthians 4:7-13*

*are humble ministers weak, not strong? How are humble ministers loathed and why? Paul uses sarcasm to make his point in this passage today. When, if ever, is it appropriate for us to use sarcasm as a means of emphasizing a biblical perspective? Why or why not?*

**DO:** How would Paul respond to the ideas popular today that “God wants you happy; God wants you rich; God wants you successful”?

**BIG IDEA:** The Minister is a SPECTACLE; the goal is HUMILITY.

*“We have become a spectacle to the world,  
both to angels and to people.”  
1 Corinthians 4:9b (CSB)*

☞ **A Spectacle is a prisoner, not a king.** (v7-9)

☞ **A Spectacle is foolish, not wise.** (v10a)

☞ **A Spectacle is weak, not strong.** (v10b)

☞ **A Spectacle is loathed, not honored.** (v10c-13)

**BIG IDEA:** The Minister is a SPECTACLE; the goal is HUMILITY.

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 4:7-13

**THINK:** Think about the Minister as a Spectacle, then ask yourself these questions:

*What do you have that you did not already receive from God? Of everything God has given you, what do you tend to take credit for yourself? In what way(s) is a humble minister like a prisoner? How are we “a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to people”? Why would Paul sarcastically refer to himself and the other apostles and ministers as fools when they possess the wisdom of God? In what ways*