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¹ Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

⁴ For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

SERVANTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. How to consider or regard Paul and his team?

2. That they are:

a) Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ

i) General understanding

ii) Servants of the Lord

iii) Bondslaves of God

b) Stewards of the mysteries of God

i) Handling the word of God

ii) Teaching the Word of God

iii) Mysteries of the kingdom Matthew 13:11

3. Requirement of stewards: Faithfulness!

PAUL JUDGED BY THE CORINTHIANS

1. Unafraid nor intimidated

- a) Personal judgment
- b) Human court

2. Paul's defense

- a) He checks himself
- b) He cannot find a reason for any criminal behaviour
- c) He trusts in the Lord's judgment

PERSONAL ADVICE

1. To judge nothing

2. To await the Judgment of the Lord

3. What the Lord would do

- a) The hidden things of darkness would be revealed
- b) The counsels of the heart would also be revealed
- c) Each one's praise would come from the Lord

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To avoid being judgemental

2. To avoid being critical

3. To wait for the Lord's Judgment when He returns to earth