

Church Purity in a Polluted Culture

Let Us Not Forget: 1 Corinthians 4

The _____ of the cross was, and is today, _____ in the eyes of the world.

God chose the _____ to _____ the wise. (1 Cor. 1:27)

The _____ man can not understand the things of God. (1 Cor. 2:14)

In _____ we have _____!

“Servants” in verse 1 is literally translated as “_____”. It refers to the lowest slaves on the ship.

“Paul makes it clear that popularity, personality, degrees, and numbers play no role in the Lord’s perspective—and that they should play no role in ours”. - Dr. John MacArthur

Trustworthiness is not a matter of the _____ of the household, nor even of the steward himself, but it is determined by the owner of the house, in this case, it is determined by _____.

Paul is not saying that there is no _____ for pastors in Christ’s church.

- James 3:1
- Hebrews 13:17: **“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.”**

When a minister is faithful, according to Paul, it is not the _____ of himself or his flock that should _____ him.

The Lord will expose the _____ of men’s hearts.

The word of God is the only _____ by which we can _____ a steward.

1 Corinthians 4:7 - *For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?*
Boast in the Lord!!!

1 Corinthians 4:15b - *...for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.*

Let us not forget where Paul’s _____ comes from.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18: *12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. 16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*