

## **Lesson 4**

### **1 Corinthians 4:1-21**

#### **• Questions**

1. How did Paul want the Corinthian brethren to regard himself and Apollos (4:1)?
  
2. What is required of a steward (4:2)?
  
3. Who did and did not judge Paul (4:3-5)?
  
4. What did Paul want the Corinthians to learn by looking at himself and Apollos (4:6)?
  
5. How did some of the Corinthians feel about themselves (4:7-8)?
  
6. How did Paul describe the apostles (4:9-10)?
  
7. What terrible things did the apostles experience for Christ's sake (4:11-13)?
  
8. Why did Paul write the way he did to the Corinthians (4:14)?
  
9. What was Paul to the Corinthians (4:15-16)?
  
10. Why did Paul send Timothy to the Corinthians (4:17)?

11. How were some of the Corinthian brethren acting in Paul's absence (4:18-19)?

12. What question did Paul ask concerning his coming to Corinth (4:21)?

### • Digging Deeper

1. What is a "steward" (4:2)?

### • Applications for Today

1. As stewards of God's gifts (talents), we need to be faithful (trustworthy) in our use of God's gifts (4:1-2). How are Christians to use the gifts that God gives them (1 Pet. 4:10)?

2. It doesn't matter how others judge us, or even how we judge ourselves, but how the Lord judges us (4:3-5). Why do Christians need to live faithfully before the Lord and not sin willfully (Heb. 10:30)?

3. We must never go beyond what is written in the scriptures (4:6). What is the Christian's spiritual boundary line and what happens when he goes beyond it (2 Jn. 9-11)?

4. We must never be puffed up or arrogant (4:6, 18-19). What causes a person to be puffed up (1 Cor. 5:2; 8:1) and what keeps a person from being puffed up (1 Cor. 13:4)?

5. Christians are to imitate approved apostolic examples like Paul (4:16-17). Who are the different ones that Christians are to imitate (1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 5:1; 1 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 6:12)?