



# Study Guide

## 1 Corinthians 4

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### Read 1 Corinthians 4

1. What qualities would you look for if you were hiring an employee? A house sitter? A babysitter? Which of these qualities would be important qualities for the servant of Christ?
2. How does our culture impact our view of leadership? Why is it important to have a biblical understanding of leadership? What are key qualities pertaining to leadership in **vs. 1-2**?
3. We don't want people to judge us. "Don't judge me" is a common refrain today. We think others are too critical compared to our own judgment of ourselves. How does Paul keep perspective regarding the judgements of others? Why is this important to remember for those of us that struggle with being people pleasers? What does Paul say about our own evaluation of ourselves?
4. The hidden motivations of our heart will be laid bare before God. That which was God honoring will receive praise from God. Have you ever considered that the good things you did today will one day be praised by God? What impact should that ultimate reality make on our lives?
5. Make a list contrasting the perspectives of the Corinthians and those of Paul in **vs. 8-13**. Look at the list you made about Paul. Was he just being a downer?
6. If Paul was making a commercial for the Church based on these statements, what kind of impact do you think his words would have? How does this serve as a good reminder of what following Jesus is about?
7. **Read Mark 8:34-36**. What does it mean to deny ourselves? What limits do we set on doing that?
8. What was Paul's reason for saying he was their father through the gospel? Who has been a parental figure to you in the gospel? What aspects of that role do we see in this passage?
9. There may be a tendency to think that the person with the platform has the power. Where is the real power according to **vs. 19-20**? How does this coincide with **Romans 1:16**?

As you close, pray that your motivations, confidence, and actions would be based on the power and hope that is found only in the goodness of Jesus.