

Cost of a Christ Centered Life

“Let God Judge His Ministers”

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

- I. Count the Minister for what they are. (Vs. 1-2)
 - 1) Ministers of Christ. (v1)
 - 2) Stewards of God. (v1)
 - 3) Required to be faithful. (v2)

- II. Judgment and approval of men matter little. (v3)

- III. The Judgment of Christ is all that matters. (Vs. 4-5)
 - 1) The Lord alone has the right to judge a man. (v4)
 - 2) Believers are not to judge anyone: (v5)
 - a) No believer can know all the hidden things.
 - b) No believer can know the motives within a person.

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1 Corinthians chapter 4 teaches us not to judge; however, in chapter 5, verses 12 & 13, Paul tells us **to** judge. How do we distinguish between the two?

- a) 1 Corinthians 4 Judge not another minister's work.
- b) 1 Corinthians 5 We are to judge our brothers who are in sin.

There is a time coming for the revealing of all things. Luke 12:1-11

Other verses describing The Day Of Judgment: Psalm 1:5; 37:12-13, Joel 1:15; Matthew 7:21-23; 11:24; 12:36, John 16:8, 2 Peter 2:9; 3:7, 1 John 4:17, Jude 1:6-7