SERVANTS OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 4:1–21

Key Verse: 4:1

1. Read verse 1. What does it mean to be a “servant” of Christ? (see also 3:5) To be “entrusted”? (see also verse 2; 9:17) What are “the mysteries God has revealed”? (Ro16:25) Why is it important to see church leaders in this way?
2. What does Paul say about himself, and why? (3,4; compare with 2:15, 9:3) What can we learn from Paul’s faith? What does he encourage the Corinthians to do? (5; compare with 3:13) How can we apply this in our own lives and ministry? How did Paul apply these teachings? (6) What was their root problem? (7)
3. How does Paul contrast himself with them? (8–13) How are these things a genuine “participation” in Christ? What can we learn here about how to live as servants of Christ?
4. What else does Paul tell them? (14) How did he become their “father”? (15) What did he want them to do in light of this, and what does this mean? (16) How would Timothy help them? (17)
5. What were his final words to them in this chapter? (18–21) Why did he have to write this way to them? What can we learn here about being servants of Christ?