

**“MINISTERS MOTIVATED
BY MESSIAH”**

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5

1 Corinthians 4:1-3

¹ Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

1 Corinthians 4:4-5

⁴ For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Ministers

(steward = household
manager/subordinate)

1 Corinthians 4:1a

Let a man so consider us,
as servants of Christ ...

Colossians 1:25

of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

Message

1 Corinthians 4:1

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Message

Gospel, Word of God explained

Colossians 1:26

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

Mandate

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

Mandate

Faithfully – God's standard

Matthew 25:21

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Motive

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

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Motive

- **Judged = evaluated,
examined**

Matthew 7:1

“Judge not, that you be not judged.”

1 Corinthians 2:15

But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

Motive

- **Judged = evaluated, examined**
- **Human vs. divine evaluation**

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel,
“Do not look at his appearance
or at his physical stature,
because I have refused him. For
the Lord does not see as man
sees; for man looks at the
outward appearance, but the
LORD looks at the heart.”

Manifestation of Motives

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Manifestation of Motives

- Who?

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Manifestation of Motives

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- When?

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Manifestation of Motives

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- When?
- How?

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For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

***Rightly motivated & faithful
ministers will be rewarded
by God.***

