

## Need Another Example?

### I. The Stop (1-5)

Don't judge the Lord's servants, for the Lord will.

### II. The Subjection (6-13)

God uses humiliation more than status, so value humility more than honor.

### III. The Standard (14-21)

Follow examples who work for the kingdom in the Spirit's power and not for themselves in human pride.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. In 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Paul asked to be seen as the Lord's servant and steward. In what way are these terms similar? In what way are they different?

What ways are you a servant, and a steward, for the Lord? (Or you could be)

2. What is Paul trying to teach his readers about passing judgment on others in 1 Corinthians 4:3-5?

How can this help you when tempted to judge, or when feeling judged?

3. Paul uses stinging irony as he contrasts the experiences of the apostles with the way the Corinthians saw themselves. (1 Corinthians 4:6-13)  
What words would you use to summarize his descriptions?

How would you compare the church in America with these descriptions?

How would you compare MBC? How would you compare your life?

4. Why does Paul say he did, and didn't, write to them. (1 Corinthians 4:14-17)

5. Paul said he planned to visit the church and see what kind of power was in the words of the arrogant. (1 Corinthians 4:18-21)

What does God's power look like in a church? In your life?

6. This concludes what Paul has to say about division in the church. The length of this section tells us how serious the issue is. Skim over 1 Corinthians 1:18-4:21. Summarize the cause(s) of division and the needed response(s).

What is one thing you can do to contribute to unity in the church?