

Questions on 1 Corinthians chapter 4

1. What do the terms “ministers” and “stewards” teach about the esteem in which inspired men should be held? Verse 1.

2. What is the main qualification for stewards? What does the qualification involve? Verse 2.

3. What is the nature of the judgment that Paul states no man is qualified to give? Verse 3.

4. Although Paul was not aware of anything against himself, why did he not feel that justified him? Verse 4.

5. What fact or principle were the Corinthians violating in assessments that glorified one man and dishonored another? Verse 5.

6. What lesson did Paul expect the brethren to learn in naming himself and Apollos instead of the guilty parties? Verse 6.

7. What bearing do these questions have on the problem of division at Corinth? Verse 7.

8. Is Paul serious when he writes: “Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us”? What was his true desire for them? Verse 8.

9. What led Paul to believe the apostles were appointed or doomed to death? Verse 9.

10. What is pictured by the word “spectacle” and who are the spectators? Verse 9.

11. Is Paul using irony again? If so, what is his purpose? Verse 10.

12. What suffering of the apostles described in this verse would be the hardest for you to bear? Verse 11.

13. What kind of labor did Paul perform and why did he think it necessary? Verse 12.

14. In what way were the apostles' actions in these verses like those of Christ? Verses 12-13.

15. Was Paul merely complaining in these verses or was he trying to teach them something? If so, what was the lesson? Verses 10-13.

16. What was the warning Paul wanted them to learn? Verse 14.

17. What word describes Paul's relation to the Corinthian Christians in contrast to the term "instructors" or "tutors"? Verse 15.

18. How were the Corinthian Christians "begotten... through the gospel"? Verse 15.

19. What does Paul encourage them to do for their own good? Verse 16.

20. What was Paul's estimate of Timothy and what was his purpose in sending him? Verse 17.

21. Why did Paul say that some were puffed up? Verse 18.

22. What was Paul's promise and what was his purpose? Verse 19.

23. What was meant by the phrase "not in word, but in power"? Verse 20.

24. What was the choice Paul gave the Corinthian Christians? Verse 21.