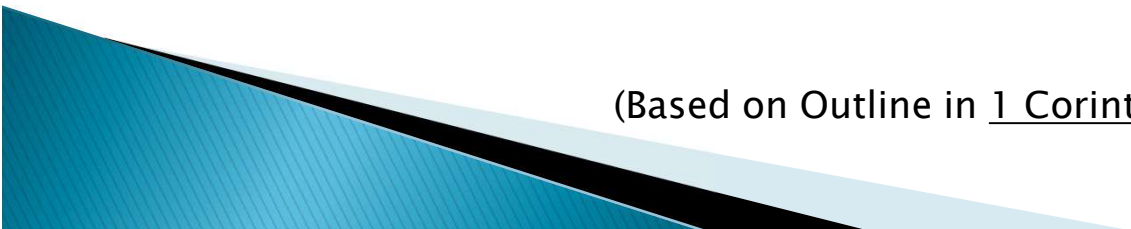


Outline of 1 Corinthians

- I. Greetings (1:1–3)
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- IV. Addressing problems of morality (5:1–6:20)
- V. Answers to questions concerning marriage (7:1–40)
- VI. The proper use of liberties (8:1–11:1)
- VII. Addressing problems relating to worship (11:2–14:40)
- VIII. The resurrection (15:1–58)
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- X. Concluding remarks (16:10–24)

(Based on Outline in 1 Corinthians, a Study by Mike Willis, 1996, p.vii)



Here's the proper view to have of preachers and teachers 3:5-9

“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.”



Preachers and Teachers need to be careful how they build 3:10–15

“According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



The seriousness of the issue of factions 3:16–17

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”



We must reject the wisdom of the world and boasting in men 3:18–23

“Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness’; and again, ‘The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.’ Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. And you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.”



The proper view of teachers, both from others and from within self 4:1

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



Teachers: Stewards with desire for approval from God and not from men 4:2–5

“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. 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. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the [b]counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”



Take Aways

- ▶ You may faithfully teach someone who ends up falling away. You are not accountable for that person. You are accountable for what you have done.
- ▶ It is a serious thing to destroy the temple of God, the church.
- ▶ God has given His children “all things,” but we must view and use them rightly



Take Aways

- ▶ While preachers and teachers are servants of those whom they teach, chapter 4 emphasizes that they are servants and stewards of Christ their Master. What matters to them is not man's approval of them, nor even their own approval of themselves, but the Lord's approval.
- ▶ My own clear conscience does not equal justification with God.
- ▶ Preachers must not bow to the majority nor popular opinion nor be moved by the desires of itching ears.

