

The Stewards Of The Mysteries Of God

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

1. The transparent faithfulness of trustworthy ministers of Christ
1 Corinthians 4:1-2

- 1) The required faithfulness of true ministers of Christ
1 Cor 4:1-2; Lk 16:10-12; 2 Cor 2:17; 2 Tim 2:2-6
- 2) The revealed fulness of the total mysteries of God
1 Cor 2:9-10; Gal 1:11-12; Eph 3:2-6; Rom 16:25-27
- 3) The reassuring fulfilment in trustworthy men of God
2 Tim 2:6,15,24; Tit 3:5-7; Gal 2:20; 2 Pe 1:21

2. The triumphant faultlessness of the timeless mysteries of Christ
1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Ephesians 3:3-4,9-12; Colossians 1:27-29

- 1) The unsearchable riches of the mysteries of Christ
1 Cor 4:1; Eph 3:3-9; Rom 11:33-36; Psalm 145:3
- 2) The unchangeable revelation in the message of Christ
1 Cor 4:1-2; Heb 13:8-9; Rev 22:16-20; Mt 28:18-20
- 3) Our unswerving recommitment to the mandate of Christ
1 Cor 4:1-2; Mt 24:45-46; Acts 20:26-28; Jere 23:22,28-29

3. The trivial forwardness among talkative members at Corinth
1 Corinthians 4:3-5

- 1) The Corinthians' inability to judge their ministers
1 Cor 4:3-5a; 2:14-15; 3:2-4; Heb 5:12-13; 1 Cor 1:19-23; 3:18-20; 8:2
- 2) The compelling instruction to judge among the members
1 Cor 4:5a; 5:3,12-13; 6:4-5; 1:10; 11:31-32; 14:24-25; Jn 7:24
- 3) Christ's infallibility as Judge of men and ministers
1 Cor 4:4-5; Jn 5:22; 8:16; 12:48; 2 Cor 5:10-11; Acts 17:30-31; Rom 2:16; Heb 9:27