

# THE JUDGMENT THAT MATTERS

## (1 Corinthians 4:1-5)

- Introduction:
1. I believe that most of us realize that our lives are going to be judged.
  2. Judgment of our lives takes place many times.
    - a. Sometimes justice prevails—sometimes it doesn't.
  3. In this passage, Paul brings to our attention at least three judgments that we will undergo as Christians.
  4. In this lesson, let us examine these three judgments that will be made concerning our lives.

### I. The Court Of Public Opinion

- A. (1 Corinthians 4:1-3).
- B. Often times, people will incorrectly judge us concerning our actions and our motives.
  1. (1 Samuel 17:28) David misjudged by his brother.
  2. (1 Kings 18:17) Ahab misjudged Elijah.
  3. (Mark 3:21) Jesus' own family misjudged Him as being mad.
  4. (2 Corinthians 10:10-11) Paul was misjudged by some of his own converts.
- C. (Luke 6:26) If we have no enemies, we're doing something wrong.

### II. The Court Of Personal Opinion

- A. (1 Corinthians 4:3-4).
- B. How we think or feel about ourselves is not a safe guide.
  1. (Proverbs 28:26) A fool trusts in his own heart.
  2. (2 Corinthians 10:12) Measuring yourself by yourself is not wise.
  3. (Acts 23:1) Paul live in good conscience while persecuting the church.

### III. The Court Of Divine Opinion

- A. (1 Corinthians 4:4-5).
- B. God's judgment is infallible (Genesis 18:25).
- C. God's judgment is thorough (2 Corinthians 5:10).
- D. God's judgment is penetrating (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

- Conclusion:
1. You are constantly being judged by one of these three courts.
  2. While we should be concerned about all three courts—only the judgment of God really matters.
  3. If you were to be called before the judgment seat of Christ at this present moment, how would you plead? Better yet, what would God rule?