
Servants of Christ

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1. Servants are _____

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

- a) We are stewards of the _____ of God (vs. 1)
- b) Our _____ must be found to be faithful by the Lord (vs. 2-4)
- c) Our _____ must be found to be faithful by the Lord (vs. 5)
- We must be faithful in _____ God's gospel.

2. Servants are _____

1 Corinthians 4:6-13

- a) We can't be _____ with others about who we are (vs. 6)
- b) We can't act _____ concerning what we have received (vs. 7-8)
- c) We must be willing to _____ our rights for the sake of the gospel (vs. 9-13)
- We must exercise _____ - _____ for the sake of God's gospel.

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3. Servants are _____ of Christ

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

- a) Be imitators of the _____ which are in Christ Jesus (vs. 14-17)
- b) Imitate the _____ of Christ and not the arrogance of sin (vs. 18-20)
- We must be a faithful _____ of the person of Christ.

❖ **Insight for life:**

I will accept the _____ of being a faithful servant of Christ.

My Thoughts:

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1. Servants are stewards

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- a) We are stewards of the mysteries of God (vs. 1)
- b) Our work must be found to be faithful by the Lord (vs. 2-4)
- c) Our motives must be found to be faithful by the Lord (vs. 5)
- We must be faithful in revealing God's gospel.

2. Servants are humble

1 Corinthians 4:6-13

- a) We can't be arrogant with others about who we are (vs. 6)
- b) We can't act superior concerning what we have received (vs. 7-8)
- c) We must be willing to forego our rights for the sake of the gospel (vs. 9-13)
- We must exercise self-sacrifice for the sake of God's gospel.

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3. Servants are imitators of Christ

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

- a) Be imitators of the ways which are in Christ Jesus (vs. 14-17)
- b) Imitate the power of Christ and not the arrogance of sin (vs. 18-20)
- We must be a faithful copy of the person of Christ.

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