

Followership

The Mark of True Wisdom

Church Matters - You Matter #6

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

True Wisdom is shown best not in how God's People lead but in how They Follow.

A. Wise Followership & Paul/Apostles/Pastors

1. Essential Identity: Trusted Servants *Following* Christ v.4:1
2. Essential Responsibility: Faithfulness in *Following* God v.2-5
3. Essential Position: Under & *Following* God's Word v.6
4. Essential Challenge: *Following* Jesus... vv.9-13
 - a. Into Ridicule & Difficulty in an Adversarial World
 - b. Into Graciousness for a Needy World
5. Essential Human Dynamic: Fatherhood vv.14-15
(*Following* Our Father in Heaven)
6. Essential Characteristic: Transcendent Power vv.19-21
(From God through His Trusted, Faithful *Followers*)

B. Wise Followership & God's People/The Church

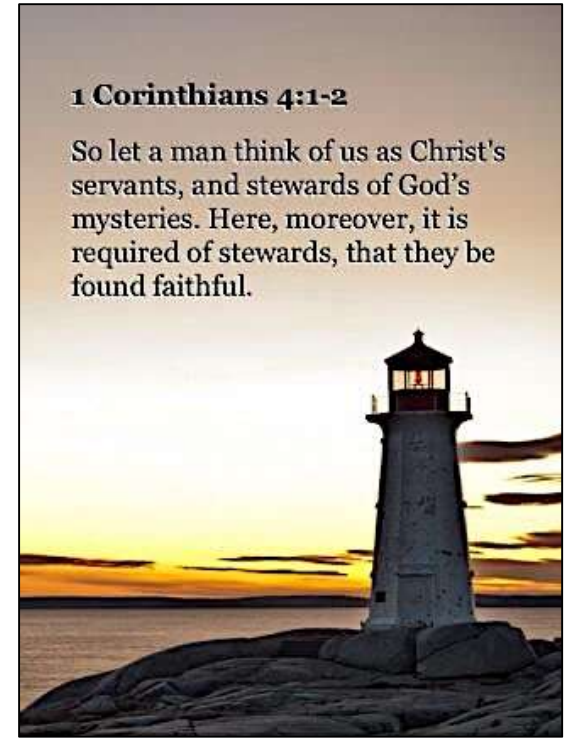
1. Essential Challenge: *Following* Jesus (Rather than Men) v.6
2. Essential Identity: Receivers *Following* the Giver v.7
3. Essential Temptation: Pride (Desire to Lead vv.3, 8, 18-21
Rather than *Follow* in Thought, Action & Word)
4. Essential Human Dynamic: *Followership* v.16-17
(Submitting to God's Trusted Servant-Leaders)

Additional Notes:

Everything rises and falls on leadership.
- John C. Maxwell
(21st century A.D.)

He who cannot be a good follower cannot be a good leader.
- Aristotle (4th century B.C.)

At the heart of America is a vacuum into which self-anointed saviors have rushed.
- Warren Bennis (21st century A.D.)



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