

“Whom Does God Praise?”

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

What Is an Apostle?

- An apostle is a **servant** of Christ.
- An apostle is a **manger** of the gospel.
- An apostle is ultimately **accountable** to God.
 - He will be **evaluated** by God.
 - He will be **commended** by God.

The Big Idea . . .

Since the Lord will judge us, we are set free from the oppression of human **opinions**.

What Can We Learn from an Apostle on Judging?

- There is a delicate balance between being wrongly judgmental and rightly judging sin.
 - **Examine** your walk with the Lord first (Gal. 6:1-2).
 - Check your **motives** (Prov. 16:2).
 - Practice the **Golden** Rule (Matt. 7:12).
 - Remember that not everything is right and wrong, some things are just **different** (Rom. 14:1-6, 13-23).
 - Remember people are not **ultimately** accountable to you, but to the Lord (Rom. 14:7-12).
- There is a proper way to process people’s judgment of you.
 - Don’t place too much **value** in what others think of you.
 - Don’t **escape** by looking to your opinion of yourself.
 - Do place value in what the **Lord** thinks of you.
 - He will correct, but never **condemn** you.
 - He will **commend** you.