

Week beginning 12th August 2024
Sermon: Sunday 18th August 2024

In v18 - 21 the tension between Paul and the Corinthians is highlighted. What is his warning?

Study 5: Fools for Christ

Readings: 1Corinthians 4

How can we have a right view of our lives as Christians?

Read 1Corinthians 4:1 - 7:

In contrast to the hero worship in Corinth, how do Paul and his co-workers wish to be regarded (vv1 - 2)?

Above all else, why do you think God requires faithfulness from his servants (v2)?

What standards do we often use to evaluate God's servant-leaders today?

Why does Paul care very little about such judgments (v3 - 5)?

Read 1Corinthians 4:8 - 21:

In v8 Paul challenges the Corinthians' view of themselves. What do they mistakenly believe?

How could Paul's perspective be abused by an arrogant leader?

In v9 - 13 how does Paul contrast his understanding of himself with that of the Corinthians?

Paul fears the Corinthians are moving 'beyond what is written' - probably a reference to the Old Testament. How might going beyond the authority of Scripture result in taking "pride in one man over against another" (v6)?

Why would the Corinthians and the world look down on the apostles rather than view them as great?

What does a proud person fail to realize (v7)?

In v14 - 17 Paul exhorts the Corinthians to follow his example. What is that example, why follow it?