

# 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

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*Looking for Approval in All the Wrong Places*

## 1) The judgment of others matters \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

**Lk 12:25–26** » And which of you by worrying can add a *single* hour to his life's span? <sup>26</sup> If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?

**Rom 14:4** » Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

**1 Cor 9:3** » My defense to those who examine me is this...

## 2) Your \_\_\_\_\_ has less value (v.3-4)

**2 Cor 1:12** » For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

**Jer 17:9** » The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

**Prov 21:2** » Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

## 3) God will \_\_\_\_\_ your actions & motives (v.5)

**Jer 17:10** » I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.

**1 Chron 28:9** » As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts.

**1 Cor 3:13-14** » Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

## 4) He is looking for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-2)

**Rev 2:23** » ...and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

**Ps 130:3-4** » If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.