

# **"God's Love Letter To a Unlovely Church" "Rules For Judging Rulers"**

*1 Corinthians 4:1-5 1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.*

## **We Must Judge Ministers Only By God's Standard and Never Definitively**

### **I. Who Is To be Judged? Vs 1**

**Apostles and Ministers of the Gospel**

**Given charge of Mysteries of God –**

### **II. By What Standard are They to Be Judged? Vs 2**

**The leaders of the sects were judging by:**

**God's standard is...**

### **III. The Three Judgments they Face**

#### **1. The judgment of ou....**

**This can be good.....  
However in this case it can be bad....**

#### **2. The Judgment of....**

**This too can be good....  
However it can be bad – 3b -4**

#### **3. The Judgment of.....**

**When we can (and must) do it - Mat 18 –**

**1 Cir 5:1**

**When we cannot do it..... vs 5 –**

**Why God alone can do it: vs 5**

**He alone knows  
Ho alone knows**