

# God Wisely Gave Church Leaders

1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

**I. Introduction (1:1-9)**

**II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**

a. Divisions (1:10-4:21)

i. The Problem of Division Denounced (1:10-17)

ii. Clarifying the Nature of the Message (1:18-3:4)

iii. Clarifying The Role of God's Servants (3:5-4:5)

## A. Who are church leaders for? (3:18-23)

**v18** – Believers are at \_\_\_\_\_ of self-deception, especially because of a certain failing of human wisdom. Therefore, to avoid being self-deceived, we must \_\_\_\_\_ this error.

**v19-20** – We need to realize that what \_\_\_\_\_ to be wisdom is not wisdom.

**v21a** – To boast in \_\_\_\_\_ is to be self-deceived.

**v21b-23** – Church leaders are for the \_\_\_\_\_ of church members, not for themselves.

The church belongs to Christ, not the men who serve under Christ.

Therefore, let's glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ and not in the men He has provided for us.

**B. Who is responsible for evaluating church leaders? (4:1-5)**

**v1** – \_\_\_\_\_ church leaders in terms of who they are employed by and what task they are given.

**v2** – The only thing that really matters when a steward is evaluated is \_\_\_\_\_ to the role defined by the owner.

**v3-5** – Because \_\_\_\_\_ is the only one who will reward His servants for faithful service, we should not focus on evaluating others nor should we focus on the critiques other may apply to us.