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Faithful Servanthood

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

*5 Characteristics Of Spiritual
Faithfulness*



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Identity: See Yourself First As A Servant of Christ

“So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ...”

Vs 1

Servant: Lit = *An under rower*: One who listens to and obeys the order of another

Faithful servants live under Christ's authority and direction, not their own



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Dependability: Being A Trustworthy Steward Of God's Blessings

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” Vs 2

Steward: Lit = *One who manages the property, household, or business of another*

- *Life and Time*
- *Spiritual Gifts*
- *Physical and Financial Abilities*
- *The Gospel*

Faithful servants carefully handle what God has entrusted to them



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Obedience: Faithful servants value God's opinion over others

*"I care very little if I am judged by you or any human court.
I do not even judge myself." Vs 3*

- *Corinthians*
- *Court*
- *Culture*
- *Own Opinion*

Faithful servants seek God's approval
over others



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Anticipation: Waiting For God's Approval

“Wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness.” Vs 5

- *Hidden motives*
- *True faithfulness*
- *Real spiritual work*

Faithful servants are willing to wait and trust God's final judgment



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Humility: Not being too proud of yourself

“What do you have that you did not receive?” Vs 7

- *Adding your opinion to God’s*
- *Acting like you are special because of what you have been given*

Faithful servants recognize all they have come from God

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Are YOU A Faithful Servant?

- Know your identity?
- Are you dependable?
- Are you obedient?
- Are you looking forward to judgment?
- Do you live humbly before God?



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