

IV. LEADERSHIP IS A STAGE FOR THE GOSPEL

1. When Paul says “*we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men*” (v. 9) he uses a marvelous word...

2. What is Paul is saying?

CONCLUSION: This is what I call *The Leadership Principle*...

1. And it is the polar opposite of the Führer Principle.

Sermon Notes

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1 Corinthians 4:1-21

INTRODUCTION: On this occasion of the ordination of elders and deacons, I want us to turn the pages of history for some valuable lessons in leadership...

1. It is a fact of history that in times of uncertainty, fear, internal strife and distress, people look for the **strong man to:**
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
2. On this day of ordaining and installing elders and deacons, I would like to turn to *1 Corinthians 4*, and speak to you today about **The Leadership Principle**.
3. **The Leadership Principle** is really made up of *four principles* that form the parameters of Biblical, godly and trustworthy leadership...

I. LEADERSHIP IS SERVICE TO CHRIST

1. Paul is about to give a spirit-inspired and divine description of church leadership.

2. And the first picture is that of a “*servant of Christ*”

II. LEADERSHIP IS STEWARDSHIP OF DIVINE MYSTERIES

1. The second motif Paul uses to describe Church Leadership is a more palatable one: *a steward (manager) of God’s mysteries*

2. You are coming into office in order to maintain and apply Biblical standards to the souls of this congregation –
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

 - e.

III. LEADERSHIP IS A STANDARD BY WHICH TO LIVE

1. Paul mentions that the evaluation of the congregation is a very real part of leadership in the church –

2. Accountability to standards is a necessary part of Biblical leadership.

3. Let me tell you why I asked for these standards. Three reasons:

First:

Second:

Third: