

## 1 Corinthians – How Do I Evaluate a Spiritual Teacher?

People we evaluate.

*1 Corinthians 4:1-6 1 Corinthians 4:1 So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. <sup>2</sup> Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. <sup>3</sup> I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. <sup>6</sup> Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.*

The measure of \_\_\_\_\_ in regards to teaching is \_\_\_\_\_ teaching the scripture. (1 Corinth 4:1-2)

Human nature has tendency to flock to “spiritual leaders” based more on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than what it is they are actually \_\_\_\_\_.

Only God can judge a person’s faithfulness. (1Corinth 4:3-5)

“Do not go beyond what is written.” (1 Corinth 4:6)

If we feel the need to look elsewhere to enhance our spiritual understanding , we do not need to look \_\_\_\_\_, instead we need to look \_\_\_\_\_.

*Titus 2:11-15 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. 15 These, then, are the things you should teach.*