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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



Remain Faithful to The Lord

{1 Corinthians 4:1-3}

(v.1) *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.*

(v.2) *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

(v.3) *But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.*

v.1)

- “account...” – [Grk.] regard, take inventory, or to compute.
- Paul is keenly aware that Christian leaders are not just seen by God but b men as well.
- “ministers” – an under-oarsman, or a subordinate. This points out the humility we need to be used by the Lord. [Matt. 23:12; Jn. 3:30]
- “...of Christ” – our directives comes from the Lord and His word.
- “stewards of the mysteries of God” – steward: manger; mysteries of God: that which is unknown until God revealed it (*God's Word*).
- God demands that His chosen men be faithful managers of His word. [2 Tim. 2:15]

v.2)

- “faithful” – dependable, trustworthy, or loyal.
- God puts a higher value on faithfulness than fruitfulness. [Rev. 2:10]

v.3)

- Paul speaks about three categories of judgement: the church “you”, the world “man’s judgement”, and himself.
- “you” – Paul is not arrogant or prideful but he explains that it’s a “small thing” to be judged by the Corinthian congregation.
- What people think of you, whether it be good or bad, is not the final word.

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