



# FIRST CORINTHIANS

**OCTOBER 16, 2022 / TRUE FREEDOM / 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7**

*HAVING POINTED OUT THE WRONG WAY TO THINK ABOUT OTHERS AND OURSELVES, THE APOSTLE MOVES HERE TO A RIGHT WAY TO THINK ABOUT OURSELVES. WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS NOT WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US OR WHAT WE THINK OF OURSELVES BUT WHAT GOD THINKS OF US. HIS EVALUATION IS ALL THAT MATTERS; LIVING IN THIS PLACE IS THE ONLY PLACE OF TRUE FREEDOM.*

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-17.**

1. How important is other people's approval in your life?
2. What is the basis for the Apostle Paul's words here (1 Corinthians 4:3-4)? (see 2 Corinthians 5:14-17)
3. Why is it important to suspend judgment on ourselves as followers of Christ (1 Corinthians 4:3b-4)? (see 1 John 3:20)
4. Are there areas in your life where you continue to struggle with self-condemnation? (see Romans 8:1, 35-39)
5. How might your life be different if you were to live out each day in light of this core truth (1 Corinthians 4:5)?

***Holy Spirit, help me to know more fully the freedom I have in Jesus Christ today.***