

# 1 CORINTHIANS

## *Correcting the Church*

### *"The Problem of Pastors on Pedestals"*

**INTRO:** *In the third chapter, Paul mentioned a related cause of the carnal division in Corinth and it had to do with the **unwise** elevation of church leaders to celebrity status.*

**I. Believers may be tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ their church leaders (3:1-4).** *This especially applies to those who teach. We may have preferences of style, etc. but this may lead to division .*

**II. Church Leaders are not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ of God who will be \_\_\_\_\_ for their labors (3:5-17).** *ALL Church leaders work for God who is to receive the glory for all the results of their labor. The judgment will be at the Mercy Seat.*

**III. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ church leaders (3:18-23).** *Church leaders are still human. Those who celebrate this leadership do so at threatened peril.*

**A. Be not deceived:** A church leader is not *qualified* by \_\_\_\_\_ values. *Worldly wisdom is a snare (Job 5:13 and Psalm 94:11).*

**B. Do not boast in men:** Believers share all of God's \_\_\_\_\_ . *All **things** belong to the Church **even the men** over which the church was dividing herself!*