

Sunday Morning Message - "Paul's Relationship to the Church" **May 3, 2026 | Kyle Reno**

In this message from May 3, Pastor Kyle Reno challenges us from 1 Corinthians 4 to shift our focus from human approval to faithful stewardship before God, reminding us that every believer has been entrusted with the message and ministry of Jesus. Rather than striving for recognition or trusting our own evaluation, we are called to live with the end in mind—knowing we will one day give an account for how we used our influence, relationships, and opportunities. The message emphasizes choosing to live in the light, allowing God to search and refine our hearts now, and cultivating gratitude as a daily posture since everything we have is a gift from Him. Ultimately, the Kingdom of God is not about talk, but about transformed lives through His power, calling us to faithful, authentic obedience over empty words.

1 Corinthians 4:1-4 (NLT)

So, look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God's mysteries. ² Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful. ³ As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide.

Are you being faithful with what God has entrusted to you?

Are you living like you'll one day give an account for your ministry?

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NLT)

⁵ So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

Psalms 139:23-24 (ESV)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

**²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT TODAY

LIVE WITH THE END IN MIND!

1 Corinthians 4:7b (NLT)

⁷ ... What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?

GRATITUDE SHOULD BECOME THE BASELINE ATTITUDE OF EVERY BELIEVER

1 Corinthians 4:20-21(NLT)

²⁰ For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. ²¹ Which do you choose? Should I come with a rod to punish you, or should I come with love and a gentle spirit?

THE POWER OF GOD'S KINGDOM CHANGES THE LIVES OF REAL PEOPLE