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THEME: BEING FOUND FAITHFUL

TEXT: 1CORINTHIANS 4:1-5

INTRODUCTION

In this verse the apostle Paul describe himself and his fellow laborers as the servant of God. He identifies himself and his fellow as steward of the mysteries of God- thus people who have been given the revelation of the secrets of God.

- A steward is the administrator of someone else estate, he is the deputy of the master. He discharges all the duties as instructed by his master.

- All Christians are stewards in the sense that, we are the managers of all the gifts that God has given to us, and we are responsible to Him.

-The very thought of a stewardship should humble us before God, and know that all that we have comes from Him. **1 Corinthians 4:7**, Paul asks the Corinthians believers “What do you have that you did not receive”?

- God has given us the gifts of **time**, **talents**, **treasures**, **and truth**. Are we faithful in the use of these things?

- Paul had **a polarizing** effect upon the people, thus they either **loved him or hated** him, He was called a liar and lunatic yet He wrote to Corinthian believers pointing the things that they were not right in the presence of God.

- How many believers are ready **to write directly to** the government of Kenya **pointing out things** that are not right in this Nations?

- Paul writes this **"but with me it is a very s** small thing that I should be judged by you or the human court. There is nothing we know about ourselves but its God who will give the true judgment about I and you.

- For some of us Judgment time will be the day of embarrassment, where the motives of our heart shall be revealed.

-There are questions to ask ourselves 1, why do we do what we do?

2, Do we seek favor of others more than God?

-We are the stewards of the gospel of Christ if we remain faithful to the teachings, preaching and reaching to others with the true gospel of Christ.

- **Who is a steward?** They are men who have been entrusted with something and they have to practice faithfulness in their exercises of responsibility.

-Believers who have been entrusted by the things and secret of God must not seek approval from praises of men, but they should seek to be praised and approved by God whom they are answerable to.

-**John 5:41. Galatians 1:10** we have not been called to seek praises and approval from people because this same people are the one who will bring you down and make you to be unfaithful to the one who called you and entrusted you with the responsibility.

-If you **are condemned and judged** with the people of the world for no reason, don't worry for God will favor you and will defend you before men.

- If they stain your name for no reason, still God will have his way in your circumstance. The apostle Paul encountered all this, but because he purposed to be good steward to his master he accomplished the mission of the one who send him.

-As believers let your conscience be clear that you are faithful to the one who entrusted you with the responsibility.

WHAT DOES A FAITHFUL STEWARD DO?

1. As a faithful steward of God, we have to point people to the master who is God. Many times people forget looking at their master and they begun to look at the leader. The reason why God made I and you to be stewardship, was that we should be able to point those under our care or leadership to God who as every answerer to their needs. Don't entrust people to yourself, for you may not have the grace to solve their problem. In the book of Exodus, Moses did not give up in pointing the children of Israel to God. God might have entrusted to you stubborn people but don't give up taking your responsibility.
2. A faithful Steward should remain connected to the provider and giver of every promise who is God. John 15:7 says if you remain in me and my word remain in you ask for whatever you wish and it will be given to you. There are things that a steward may not have power to provide for you, but once you remain connected to the Lord he will provide them for you.
3. He will continue to preach the true gospel of God and encourage the people in spite of persecution. It doesn't matter what the circumstances are speaking to you, what fears is instilling in you, but you must remain firm

in teaching ,rebuking , correcting ,and preaching the word of God in and out of seasons, even in times of rejection. **Acts 14:21** Paul and Barnabas preached and won many disciples in Antioch even in very hard time of rejection.

4. **A faithful steward should continue to strengthen others** and give them hope even in times of trials and persecutions and this will make the enemies to know that it is not hardship that will stop you from taking your responsibility of directing people to the Lord. **Acts 14:22**. Paul and Barnabas continued to strengthen and encourage disciples to remain true and faithful even in times of hardship. Remain a faithful steward even in the process of difficult and hard times; with understanding that, **we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.**

SUMMARY: The Lord has different expectations from each of us depending upon the gift that He has freely given to us. He doesn't expect fish to fly or birds to swim, He doesn't expect more from us than what we are capable of doing. What God is looking for in each of us in the execution of our stewardship before him is "faithfulness". It is better to be faithful to God than Famous in this world or in the church. It will be more rewarding hearing God say to you "well done good and faithful servant". **Matthew 25:23**

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