

**One: Leaders, Leadership, Fellowship and Christ**  
**1 Corinthians 4**  
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**Intro:** Anything with two heads is a monster. The church in Corinth did not have a leader problem. They had a leadership and followership problem. The church really did not want to follow because they did not want to submit to the leaders that God had installed. Thus, they had no one willing to step up in leadership; however, every Christian can submit to Christ in the church by recognizing the three roles that are necessary for unity in the church.

**I. Role of the Christian Leader...**

A. Leader as \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23:11).

B. Leader always \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:9).

C. Leader \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (John 10:28-29).

... is to lead your followers through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Role of the Christian Followers. . .**

A. Followers must view their leaders \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6-7).

1. Scripture guides us to recognize leadership and our role (Romans 13:1-5).

2. All leaders are to make you more like Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29; Philemon 1:6).

B. Followers must eliminate their trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ to submit to God's supernatural leaders (Jeremiah 9:23-24; Psalm 20:7).

C. Eliminate. . .

1. trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 8).

2. trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 8).

3. trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 10).

4. trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 10).

5. trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 10).

6. trust in your \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 10).

D. Followers must view their leaders as \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 14-16).

1. Apostles \_\_\_\_\_ like parents to pave the way.

2. Find a spiritual father or mother to \_\_\_\_\_ gospel centered.

... is to \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD so that it is easier to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from your leaders.

**III. Role of the Christian Leadership...**

A. Christian leadership is a \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility (Matthew 10:16).

B. Christian leadership is centered on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 17:21).

C. Christian leadership is about law to the \_\_\_\_\_ and grace to the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Law to break the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 7:7)  
Ex: rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-27).

2. Grace to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the humble (James 4:6)  
Ex: women caught in adultery (John 8:1-11).

... is to live like \_\_\_\_\_ on earth as He is in heaven.

**Conclusion:** The Kingdom of God is one kingdom. Pray for servant leaders, follow your spiritual leaders in word and deed, and join the leadership at Coastal. God is at work here at Coastal, calling us to be part of the unified leadership for the lost He will save.

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**Small Group Questions**

\*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

**The COMMUNITY:**

1. What are your plans for the summer? What is the most exciting thing you are looking forward to? What is the least exciting thing? Is there anything you can share with your small group that they can pray for you as you move through this summer?

**Into the WORD/APPLICATION:**

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org), [desiringgod.org/articles/all](http://desiringgod.org/articles/all), [biblos.com](http://biblos.com), [ccel.org](http://ccel.org), [logos.com](http://logos.com), [connect.ligonier.org](http://connect.ligonier.org), [thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology](http://thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology).

1. 1 Corinthians 4 seems to start out kind of abruptly. Talk about how verses 1-2 are connected to the previous verses in chapter 3.

2. How does the perspective of verses 1-2 help us stay away from the measuring stick of "success" in our sphere of influence for God?

3. Read verses 3-5. Discuss the importance of maintaining a proper perspective of ourselves as we serve. Are Paul's words an indication that he is proudly ignoring what others think, or are they an emphasis on a humble submission to God's opinion of his work? How?

4. How do verses 6 and 7 help us keep a humble attitude as we serve alongside our fellow servants of Christ? It has been said that humility is not thinking less of ourselves, it is thinking of ourselves less. What does that mean?