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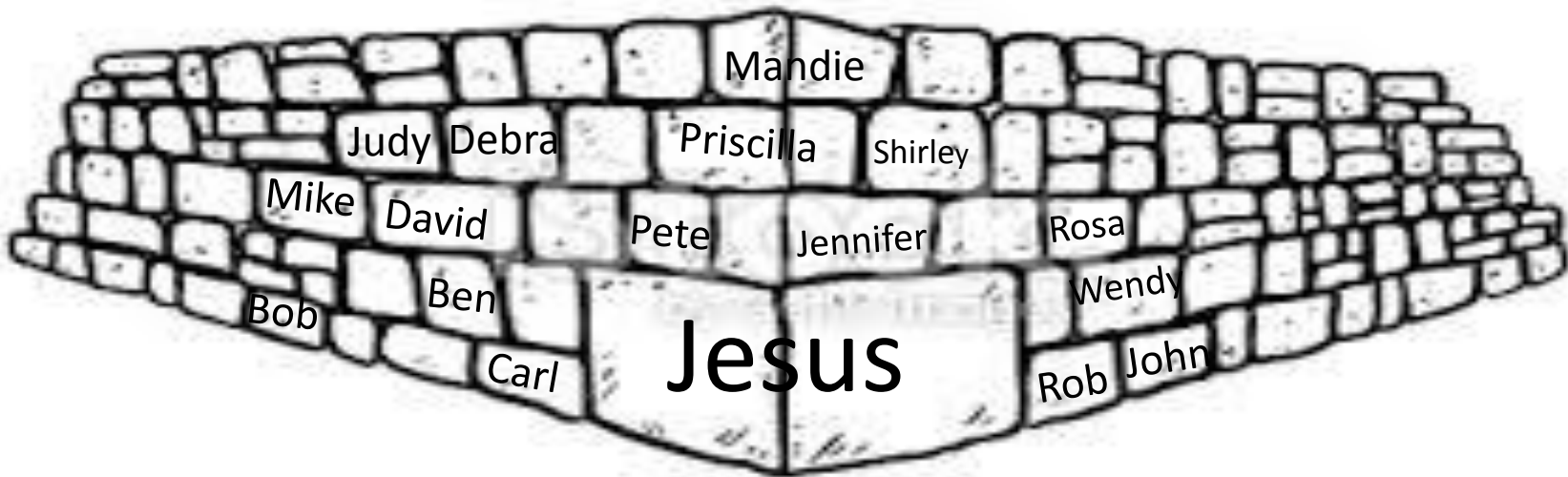
## Instructions to the Church

*1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV) To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:*

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**1 Corinthians 3:8-9 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup> The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

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**1 Corinthians 3:12-14 (NIV)** <sup>12</sup>If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup>his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup>If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

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**1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (NIV)** <sup>14</sup> I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children.

<sup>15</sup> Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

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### I. We are servants of Christ. 4:1a

**1 Corinthians 4:9-12a (NIV)** <sup>9</sup> For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. <sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored!

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<sup>11</sup> To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. <sup>12</sup> We work hard with our own hands.

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***John 13:12-17 (NIV)*** <sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.



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<sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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***Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV)*** <sup>1</sup> If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

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<sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

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### **I. We are servants of Christ. 4:1a**

According to the life I live, would  
others regard me as a servant of  
Christ?

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### **II. We are entrusted with the secrets of God. 4:1b**

<sup>1</sup>...and as those entrusted with the secret things of  
God.

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### II. We are entrusted with the secrets of God. 4:1b

**Titus 1:1-3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness-- <sup>2</sup> a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, <sup>3</sup> and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

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### II. We are entrusted with the secrets of God. 4:1b

**2 Timothy 1:8-14 (NIV)** <sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

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<sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.



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<sup>12</sup> That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. <sup>13</sup> What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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### **II. We are entrusted with the secrets of God. 4:1b**

According to the life I live, “ought others to regard me as trustworthy with the Gospel”?

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### III. We are required to give an account to God. 4:2

<sup>2</sup> Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

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***Luke 12:42-43 (NIV)*** <sup>42</sup> The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? <sup>43</sup> It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.

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### III. We are required to give an account to God. 4:2

1. Forgetting there is a day of reckoning.
2. Thinking there is plenty of time.

***John 9:4 (NIV)*** As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

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### **III. We are required to give an account to God. 4:2**

According to the life I live, am I ready  
to give an account for my  
stewardship?

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### **IV. We are to please God and not man. 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself.

<sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

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### IV. We are to please God and not man. 4:3-4

***Luke 16:14-15 (NIV)*** <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."



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### IV. We are to please God and not man. 4:3-4

**1 Peter 2:23 (NIV)** <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

**1 Corinthians 4:12b-13a (NIV)** <sup>12b</sup> When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; <sup>13a</sup> when we are slandered, we answer kindly.

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### **IV. We are to please God and not man. 4:3-4**

According to the life I live, whom am I trying to please?

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### **V. We are rewarded by God according to our faithfulness. 4:5**

<sup>5</sup>At that time each will receive his praise from God.

**I will be judged when the Lord comes.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes.

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### **V. We are rewarded by God according to our faithfulness. 4:5**

<sup>5</sup>At that time each will receive his praise from God.

**He will judge my heart.**

<sup>5</sup>He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts.

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According to the life I live, “will I hear him say, well done thou good and faithful servant”?



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