## Faithful Over Popular 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

## **4 OBLIGATIONS:**

- I. Regard ministers properly. (1)
  - A. Regard ministers as servants of Christ. (1)
  - B. Regard ministers as stewards of God's mysteries. (1)
- II. Remember that God's standard is faithfulness. (2)
- III. Consider whose opinion really matters. (3-4)
  - A. Man's opinion of the minister matters little. (3)
    - 1. The opinions of others matter little. (3)
    - 2. The opinions of the minister matter little. (3-4)
  - B. God's opinion of the minister matters most. (4)
- IV. Wait for God to reveal His evaluation. (5)
  - A. It's too early for you to pronounce judgment. (5)
    - 1. Evidence is yet to be revealed. (5)
      - a. Positive evidence. (5)
      - b. Negative evidence. (5)
    - 2. Motives are yet to be revealed. (5)
  - B. It's God's prerogative to pronounce commendation. (5)