Sermon Notes

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY
1 Corinthians 4

1) Apostolic Foundation – Sola Scriptura, Message as important (vv. 1-6)
   • Foundation of the mysteries of God— the Gospel
   • Although person of ministers are present, yet they are unimportant in the larger scheme of things
   • Against the message of the hyper-spiritual Corinthian false teachers, the Lord will judge all things at the Last Day (v. 5)
   • “Do not go beyond what is written” — Sola Scriptura (v. 6)

2) Apostolic Service — Sacrifice, Self-Denial, Focus on exalting Christ (vv. 4, 7-13)
   • We note Paul’s satire against the false teachers (v.8)
   • True apostolic service is not about glamor or riches or honor, but self-sacrifice
   • “I have (allusively) applied these things … for your benefit” (v. 6)

3) Apostolic Ministry — Ministers called by God, Lead in humility (vv. 2, 14-21)
   • Although service is for all, yet the apostles showed us the system that God has given, Christ has instituted, for ministry in the church.
   • Many people are “guides,” teaching us and guiding us along our Christian walk
   • But Corinthians have a “father” in Paul
   • Thus, there is objective apostolic leadership- Paul appointed Timothy for their good
   • The minister as one representing his Lord