

Series: 1 Corinthians

“Some Counsel Regarding Pastoral Evaluations”

(Sunday Morning March 15th, 2026)

Passage: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matt 23:9 “Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.”

1 Tim 5:17 “The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching”

The problem is that we have been c_____ to c_____ others; and unfortunately, this can spill over into the church.

Question # 1 = How Should a Pastor be Evaluated?

1) We Have Two I_____

a. A Pastor Should be Regarded as an U_____ R_____

John 18:36 “...’My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants (huperetes) would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; ...”

b. A Pastor Should be Regarded as a H_____ M_____

Matt 25:14 “(The Kingdom of God is)...just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.” (Emphasis Added)

Matt 25:21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”

2) We Have One R_____

It is not that other responsibilities do not exist, but the overarching responsibility, which is high above all the others, involves studying, accurately interpreting and communicating the t_____ of s_____.

2 Tim 1:14 “Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

2 Tim 2:15 “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”

3) We Have One C_____

Rev 3:17 “...you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked”

Rev 2:10 “...’Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

a. Faithful Means to P_____ Without C_____

Acts 20:27 “(Paul Said) For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.” (NKJV)

b. Faithful Means to be M_____ Above R_____

1 Tim 3:2 “An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach”

c. Faithful Means to be Willing to S_____ at the T_____

1 Tim 1:3 "As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines"

Question # 2 = Who Should be Evaluating Him?

1) We are Evaluated by O _____

2 Cor 10:10 "For they say (Corinthians), 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal presence is unimpressive and his speech contemptible.'"

1 Thes 2:4 "but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts"

It was Jonathan Edwards who said this to his congregation; he said, *"I am to be your servant, but you are not to be my M_____."*

2) We are Evaluated by O _____

Isa 5:20 "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;..."

Paul essentially said, *"My own assessment cannot be trusted, because I will either be too l_____ or too h_____ on myself."*

3) We are Evaluated by the L _____

John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge (Command) with righteous judgment."

You can be glad that it is our Lord who is going to judge us and not anyone else, because our Lord is g_____ and c_____.

1 Kings 15:4-5 (Turn and Read)

Eph 2:8-9 "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."