

Answer Eight: Renouncing Self-Deception 1 Corinthians 03: 18-23

1 *Watch self-deception*

2 *Renounce worldly wisdom*

- a. It is only superficial
- b. It is not true wisdom
- c. It is foolishness to God
- d. It is ensnared by God
- e. It is empty
- f. It is accountable to God

3 *Renounce boasting in men*

- a. All things belong to the believer
- b. Believers belong to Christ;
Christ belongs to God

18 Do not deceive yourselves.

If any one of you thinks he is wise
by the standards of this age,
he should become a “fool”
so that he may become wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness
in God’s sight.

As it is written:

“He catches the wise in their craftiness”;

20 And again,

“The Lord knows
that the thoughts of the wise are futile.”

21 So then,

no more boasting about men!
All things are yours,

22 Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas

or the world or life or death or the present or the future -
all are yours,

23 And you are of Christ,

and Christ is of God.

Answer Nine: Letting God Judge Ministers
1 Corinthians 04: 01-05

1 *Count ministers for what they are*

- a. Ministers, servants of Christ
- b. Stewards of God
- c. Required to be faithful

2 *The judgment and approval*

3 *The judgment of Christ is all that matters*

- a. The Lord alone has the right to judge a man
- b. Believers are not to judge anyone
 - 1) No believer can know all - the hidden things
 - 2) No believer can know the motives within a person

1 So then,
men ought to regard us as servants of Christ
and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

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

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

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

5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time;
wait till the Lord comes.
He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness
and will expose the motives of men's hearts.
At that time
each will receive his praise from God.