

Scripture: *1 Corinthians 3:16–4:6*

'The Importance of the Local Church'

It is Likened to:

III. A Temple (Building) Where Members Need to Beware (Take Heed)

- C. We Must Build in the Right Manner *(v:16–17)*
 - D. We Must Build According to the Right Method *(v:18–20)*
 - E. We Must Build with the Right Motive *(v:21–23)*
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'Ministers and Ministries—Motives and Methods in the Local Church'

I. God Desires Faithfulness of His Stewards *1 Corinthians 4:1–6*

Introduction: *1 Corinthians 4:1–2*

A. Three Reminders to Stewards *1 Corinthians 4:3–4*

- 1. There is Mans Judgment—Presently *(v:3^a)*
- 2. There is Self Judgment—Personally *(v:3^b–4^a)*
- 3. There is God's Judgment—Prospectively *(v:4^b)*

B. Three Reprimands to Saints *1 Corinthians 4:5–6*

- 1. Are you Judging God's Servant at the Wrong Moment? *(v:5)*
- 2. Are you Judging by the Wrong Models? *(v:6^a)*
- 3. Are you Judging God's Servant with the Wrong Motive? *(v:6^b)*

II. God's Stewards are Denigrated and Become a Spectacle *1 Cor. 4:7–13*

III. The Gentle Directives of Their Spiritual Father *1 Corinthians 4:14–21*