



Open Up
Your Bible

1 Corinthians 4:1-6

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think Beyond What Is Written

Paul hopes his writing will help the Corinthian Christians learn to keep their thinking Biblically, and to not use standards beyond the Word of God to judge him or the other apostles.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God
(v1-2)

The main issue is not, “Is Paul popular?” or, “Is Apollos a better preacher than Paul?” The main issue is, “Have Paul, Apollos, and Peter been faithful to do the work God assigned to them?”

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God
(v1-2)

Luke 12

42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? **43** Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then
He will reward each according to his works.

Matthew 16:27

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God
(v1-2)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is
Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God (v1-2)
2. Think Little About What Others Think (v3)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

2. Think Little About What Others Think
(v3)

Luke 12:4-5

- 4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.
- 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 29:25

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

2. Think Little About What Others Think
(v3)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is
Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God (v1-2)
2. Think Little About What Others Think (v3)
3. Think Little About What You Think (v3-4)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

3. Think Little About What You Think
(v3-4)

Romans 3:19-20

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Jeremiah 17

9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?
10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

3. Think Little About What You Think
(v3-4)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is
Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God (v1-2)
2. Think Little About What Others Think (v3)
3. Think Little About What You Think (v3-4)
4. Think About What The Lord Thinks (v4-5)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

4. Think About What The Lord Thinks
(v4-5)

“You Corinthians act like judges at athletic events, qualified to give some the trophy and to send others away as losers. But Jesus is the only judge, and you are judging before the events are over.”

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

4. Think About What The Lord Thinks
(v4-5)

The Corinthians who were passing judgment on Paul were actually “playing God” and assuming to themselves the privileges that only God has. How often in my own ministry I have made this mistake! How easy it is to misread a situation and misjudge a person.

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

4. Think About What The Lord Thinks
(v4-5)

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is
Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God (v1-2)
2. Think Little About What Others Think (v3)
3. Think Little About What You Think (v3-4)
4. Think About What The Lord Thinks (v4-5)
5. Think About The Problems This Solves (v6)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

5. Think About The Problems This Solves
(v6)

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls.
Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:4

Luke 6

47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: **48** He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is Written

5. Think About The Problems This Solves
(v6)

1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Learn Not To Think
Beyond What Is
Written

1. Think About Faithfulness To God (v1-2)
2. Think Little About What Others Think (v3)
3. Think Little About What You Think (v3-4)
4. Think About What The Lord Thinks (v4-5)
5. Think About The Problems This Solves (v6)