

“How to Have a Humble Perspective”  
**1 Corinthians 4:6-8**

**I. God’s people must have a Scriptural view of leadership (v. 6).**

- A. The leaders of the church are servants of God.
  
- B. God must be the only One in whom loyalty is placed.

(Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 1:1-3; 3:1-8, 16-17; 1 Corinthians 1:12-13; 3:23; 12:18)

**II. God’s people must have a Scriptural view of themselves (vs. 7-8).**

- A. We must not view ourselves as better than any one else.
  
- B. We must remember that the good things we possess are given to us by God.
  
- C. We must remember that we have not arrived yet.

(Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17; John 3:27; Romans 12:3-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-12; Philippians 3:12-14; Revelation 3:15-19)

**Scripture References**

Ezekiel 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth *day* of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. <sup>2</sup> (On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s exile, <sup>3</sup> the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)

Ezekiel 3:1-8, 16-17

<sup>1</sup> Then He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.” Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth. <sup>4</sup> Then He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. <sup>5</sup> For you are not being sent to a people of unintelligible speech or difficult language, *but* to the house of Israel, <sup>6</sup> nor to many peoples of unintelligible speech or difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. But I have sent you to them who should listen to you; <sup>7</sup> yet the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, since they are not willing

to listen to Me. Surely the whole house of Israel is stubborn and obstinate. <sup>8</sup> Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.

<sup>16</sup> At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>17</sup> “Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> “Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> “See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant.”

2 Timothy 4:5 (KJV)

But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:18

But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

1 Corinthians 1:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, “I am of Paul,” and “I of Apollos,” and “I of Cephas,” and “I of Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 3:23

...and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

Romans 12:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

John 3:27

John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14

<sup>11</sup> “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; <sup>12</sup> otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, <sup>14</sup> then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>17</sup> Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’

Revelation 3:15-19

<sup>15</sup> ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> Because 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, <sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed;

and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

Philippians 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.