**Living Your Best Life**

**1 Corinthians 4: 1-5**

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Lesson 9

1. What do you think of the statement, “It is easier to be critical than correct”?
2. Have you had any bad experiences with people being critical toward you? Discuss them.
3. Define each kind of judgment found in the following verses?

Psalms 119:66

Jeremiah 17:10

Matthew 7:1-2

Luke 19:22 – 24

1. Read Romans 14:10 – 13. How does judging someone put a stumbling block in front of others?
2. Can you think of a time when a first impression you had of someone turned out to be completely wrong? If so, what was the impression and what was the reality?
3. Reread 1 Corinthians 4:3 – 4. Do you tend to be introspective?

If so, does this lead more often to depression or to self- exaltation?

1. Read 1 Corinthians 11:31. What is the balance between this and allowing Jesus the authority as final Judge?
2. Why are we not equipped to judge people? What are we lacking?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:2. What is involved in faithfulness?
4. Read the following verses:

Ecclesiastes 12:14

Jeremiah 32:19

1. When we stand for judgement, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to judge the things done in darkness. In what ways do you behave differently when nobody is watching?
2. Read the following verses:

Proverbs 21:2

Proverbs 24:12

Luke 16:5

1. How does God judge us? Write or discuss this in detail
2. Read Romans 2:1 – 4. What does this view of judging others make you think about in relation to your own life?