

## Competence and Confidence

### 1 Corinthians 4

1. Two signs of maturity in any endeavor
  - a. Competence
  - b. Confidence
2. As Christians, we develop Competence by
  - a. Knowing the ‘mysteries of God’ that are revealed through Paul and others in the Bible
    - i. A ‘mystery’ is a truth we would not have come up with on our own, but that God reveals to us
    - ii. This is why knowledge of Scripture is so important
  - b. Practicing our sharing of these truth by interacting with fellow believers
    - i. In formal ways – worship, Bible Study, Fellowship
    - ii. In informal ways – by spending time with other believers and sharing ourselves
3. We develop our Confidence by
  - a. 4:2 – Remembering that we \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 4:3a – Learning from the advice of others without feeling J\_\_\_\_\_ by them
  - c. 4:3b – Correcting ourselves without J\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves
  - d. 4:4 – Knowing that the only Person whose judgment is always right is G\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Always reminding ourselves that our relationship with God is grounded in Grace, and is not affected by our ‘performance’
  - f. 4:5 – Recognizing that we are a W\_\_\_\_\_ in P\_\_\_\_\_
  - g. 4:7 – Our gifts and our calling are from G\_\_\_\_\_, who Himself will complete His Will in and through us
4. 4:8-13 - Maturity requires that we:
  - a. (10) Make M\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. (10) Admit our W\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. (11) Not expect to be rich in things of this W\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. (12) W\_\_\_\_\_ hard
  - e. (12) F\_\_\_\_\_ and show G\_\_\_\_\_, as Jesus did
  - f. (12) B\_\_\_\_\_ those who ridicule and mistreat us, as Jesus taught us (Luke 6:28)
5. (14-21) To the extent we love others, we will be equipping ourselves to know God’s love for us