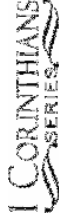


# (un)conventional wisdom



## **Gaining Perspective**    **1 Cor. 3:16 – 4:5**

1. The Church is a Holy Gathering of people and represents the very presence of God in our city.
  - Attacks from within
  - Don't mess with God
2. Intellectual pride is self-deceptive and blinds us to the real wisdom of God.
  - Nature of self deception
  - The big picture
3. Leaders are accountable to God to faithfully fulfill their calling and will answer to Him.
  - Servants and Stewards
  - Not by peers or themselves but Jesus
  - More to the story

\* *Sixth* message in the 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians series, by Pastor Tim Hawks. CDs of this message (05/11/08) may be purchased at the Media Center or listened to online at [www.hcbc.com](http://www.hcbc.com).

# REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. What is your current perspective on the church? Do you see HCBC NW as God's dwelling in NW Austin? What are some of the ways a person might damage or destroy God's temple?
2. What are some areas where you wonder if you might be self-deceived? How do you keep your heart and mind open to the Word and Spirit of God?
3. Give some modern day examples of a steward. What are some of the characteristics of a steward? What are the things God has placed within your trust?
4. Read 1 Cor. 4:5. What thoughts come to mind as you read that verse? How can you live with an eternal perspective?

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### Memory Verse

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 4:2