

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I once read the biography of one of the most powerful, influential, wealthy, and outspoken men of the twentieth century. Presidents and heads of states sought him out and courted his favor. From a human perspective, he literally made and destroyed the careers and the lives of many men. He lived an immoral life. He alienated his own family. They hardly had anything to do with him at all. He had no personal friends when he died, and yet the biographer speaks of this man as having lived a life of significance! I guess that all depends on what you call significant.

Contrast a life like that with 1 Corinthians chapter 4, verses 1 and 2, where the Apostle Paul gives us an insight into his motivation for ministry: “Let a man regard us in this manner as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”

Let's unpack a few phrases here. He says, “I am a servant of Christ,”—that is, “Christ is in charge, I'm not.” Then he calls himself, “a steward of the mysteries of God.” *Steward* means manager. I don't own what I do; I manage what belongs to someone else. God gave me a mission, and I'm responsible to manage that. Ah, but he does say, “I do own one thing—the responsibility to be trustworthy.” He says, “Moreover it is found that a steward be trustworthy,” one who can be trusted to accomplish and fulfill the mission with faithfulness. Now *that's* significant!

Here's what I want you to remember today. It doesn't matter how much money you have, or how much you intimidate people. That's not significance. The only thing we own is the responsibility to be trustworthy and faithful with what God calls us to do and to be.