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Simple Church



- 1) This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.
- 2) Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.
- 3) I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself.
- 4) My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

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- 5) Therefore **judge** nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will **bring to light** what is hidden in darkness and will **expose the motives of the heart**. At that time each will receive their **praise from God**.
- 6) Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to **myself** and **Apollos** for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "**Do not go beyond what is written**." Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other.
- 7) For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

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- 8) Already **you** have all you want! Already **you** have become rich! **You** have begun to reign--and that without **us**! How **I** wish that **you** really had begun to reign so that **we** also might reign with **you**!
- 9) For it seems to me that God has put **us apostles** on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. **We** have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings.
- 10) **We** are fools for Christ, but **you** are so wise in Christ! **We** are weak, but **you** are strong! **You** are honored, **we** are dishonored!

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- 11) To this very hour **we** go hungry and thirsty, **we** are in rags, **we** are brutally treated, **we** are homeless.
- 12) **We** work hard with our own hands. When **we** are cursed, **we** bless; when **we** are persecuted, **we** endure it;
- 13) when **we** are slandered, **we** answer kindly. **We** have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world--right up to this moment.
- 14) **I** am writing this not to shame **you** but to warn **you** as **my** dear children.

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