

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A study of First Corinthians

OH, SAY, CAN YOU SEE?

1 Corinthians 4:1-13

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Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1

What does a Christian look like?

1. A Christian is a lowly servant.

A. A servant is an under rower.

B. A servant knows it's not about me.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

2. A Christian is a faithful steward.

In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:2

A. We have been entrusted with the greatest treasure.

B. We will be properly evaluated by Jesus.

As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide. So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

1 Corinthians 4:3-5 NLT

3. A Christian is a humble spectacle.

A. We have no reason to feel superior.

For who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? 1 Corinthians 4:7

B. We have a calling the world cannot understand.

*Our dedication to Christ makes us look like fools, but you claim to be so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are so powerful! You are honored, but we are ridiculed. Even now we go hungry and thirsty, and we don't have enough clothes to keep warm. We are often beaten and have no home. We work wearily with our own hands to earn our living. We bless those who curse us. We are patient with those who abuse us. We appeal gently when evil things are said about us. Yet we are treated like the world's garbage, like everybody's trash—right up to the present moment.
1 Corinthians 4:10-13 NLT*

C. We have the opportunity to impact the world for Christ.

The Christian life is not easy ... but it is so worth it!
