

**TRUE LIGHT M.B. WEDNESDAY**  
**EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
**APRIL 7/14, 2021**  
**HATTIESBURG, MS**

**SERIES: CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE**  
**TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-13**  
**LESSON # 11.: “OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE” PT. 1**  
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TONIGHT, I WANT TO CONTINUE OUR SERIES ENTITLED: CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE. IT’S A SERIES DESIGNED TO HELP US LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS THE CHURCH AT CORINTH FACED TO SHOW US THEY ARE NOT DIFFERENT FROM THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHURCH AND GOD HAS AN ANSWER IF WE WOULD JUST LISTEN AND OBEY HIS WORD.

**1**Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2**In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. **3**But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. **4**For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. **5**Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men’s* hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God. **6**Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. **7**For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? **8**You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, *I* wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. **9**For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. **10**We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. **11**To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; **12**and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; **13**when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we

have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.

**HOW IS YOUR SPIRITUAL VISION TODAY? IS IT CLOUDY, BLURRY, UNABLE TO FOCUS OR CRISP AND CLEAR?**

**3 CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT HONORS GOD AND WHAT THE WORLD SHOULD SEE IN THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWING CHRISIT FAITHFULLY.**

**1. A CHRISTIAN IS A LOWLY SERVANT. V. 1**

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

**3 EXAMPLES OF LOWLY SERVANTS:**

- A. PAUL
- B. APPOLIS
- C. CEPHAS (PETER).

**II. A CHRISITAN IS A FAITHFUL STEWARD. VV. 1-2**

1Let a man so consider us, in this manner as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

**DEFINITION OF A STEWARD: SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T OWN ANYTHING HE IS PUT IN CHARGE OF ANOTHERS POSSESSIONS. HE IS OVERSEER OF ANOTHER PERSON'S POSSESSIONS.**

**2 QUALITIES OF A STEWARD**

- A. FAITHFUL
- B. TRUSTWORTHY

**CHRISTIANS ARE:**

- 1. STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD.
- 2. A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- 3. LITERALLY ARE THE HOLY OF HOLIES

**REF. 2 TIM. 4:7-8.**

7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8in the future there is laid up for me the crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 4:3- 5 (THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)**

**3**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. **4**My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide. **5**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.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 5:11**

**11**Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

### **III. A CHRISTIAN IS A HUMBLE SPECTACLE V.6**

**6**Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. **7**For who makes you differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*? **8**You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us—and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you!

**9**For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. **10***We are* fools for Christ's sake, but *you are* wise in Christ! *We are* weak, but *you are* strong! *You are* distinguished, but *we are* dishonored!

### **SPECTACLE IN GREEK MEANS - “THEATHER” IN ENGLISH**

**NEXT WEEK: IN LIVING COLOR –1 COR. 4:14-21.**