

Sermon Notes

The Christian Life is not about Prosperity but Serving Christ and Being like Christ

1 Corinthians 4:6-13

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

4:6 So that you may learn not beyond what is written; so that you-all may not be inflating one over another

4:7 Instead of making judgments of what makes some better than others, realize, what you have you have received, *from God*.

4:8 Some of the Corinthian Christians already had it all.

4:9 From the Corinthians' view, the apostles would be the least. But God had made the apostles what they were.

The apostles were evidence that the Corinthians' view, of what makes a great Christian, was flawed.

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4:10-11 The apostles were the opposite of the elitist Corinthians. But the apostles were serving Christ.

4:12-13 The apostles were responding to their difficult circumstances by behaving in Christ-like ways.

4:13b The apostles' lives were sacrifices for the sake of helping people and pleasing God.

We should each make sure that we are not holding to our own form of a prosperity philosophy, by how we live.

When Christ comes again we will have it all, but that is not yet.

Thoughts on support of poor, or struggling, or persecuted Christians.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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