

# 1 Corinthians 4

## Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup> LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

<sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

<sup>3</sup> But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

<sup>4</sup> For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

<sup>6</sup> And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

<sup>7</sup> For who maketh thee to differ *from another*? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?

<sup>8</sup> Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings

without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

<sup>9</sup> For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

<sup>10</sup> We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but ye *are* wise in Christ; we *are* weak, but ye *are* strong; ye *are* honourable, but we *are* despised.

<sup>11</sup> Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

<sup>12</sup> And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

<sup>13</sup> Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the offscouring of all things unto this day.

<sup>14</sup> I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn *you*.

<sup>15</sup> For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

<sup>16</sup> Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

<sup>17</sup> For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

<sup>18</sup> Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

<sup>19</sup> But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

<sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.

<sup>21</sup> What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?