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(1 Corinthians 4:1) 4 A man should regard us as attendants of Christ and stewards of God's sacred secrets.

*** w12 12/15 p. 11 pars. 13-14 You Are a Trusted Steward! ***

13 Recall, too, that a steward had work to do. So do we. We have been given a precious gift—the knowledge of the truth. God expects us to share that knowledge with others. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Paul wrote: “Let a man so appraise us as being subordinates of Christ and stewards of sacred secrets of God.” (1 Cor. 4:1) Paul recognized that this stewardship meant both scrupulously caring for the “sacred secrets” and faithfully imparting such to others as directed by the Master, Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 9:16.

14 Sharing the truth is, after all, a loving thing to do. Of course, circumstances differ from Christian to Christian. Not all can do the same in the ministry. Jehovah understands that. The important thing is to do all that we personally can. Thus we display unselfish love for God and for our neighbor.

(1 Corinthians 4:8) 8 Are you already satisfied? Are you already rich? Have you begun ruling as kings without us? I really wish that you had begun ruling as kings, so that we also might rule with you as kings.

*** w08 1/15 p. 22 par. 12 Counted Worthy to Receive a Kingdom ***

12 First-century Christians were declared righteous and anointed with holy spirit for the purpose of enabling them to receive their heavenly inheritance. Their anointing did not elevate them to kingship over fellow anointed Christians while still on earth. Evidently, some early Christians lost sight of that fact and began seeking undue prominence among their brothers in the congregation.

As a result, Paul was moved to ask: “You men already have your fill, do you? You are rich already, are you? You have begun ruling as kings without us, have you? And I wish indeed that you had begun ruling as kings, that we also might rule with you as kings.” (1 Cor. 4:8) Therefore, Paul reminded anointed ones of his day: “Not that we are the masters over your faith, but we are fellow workers for your joy.”—2 Cor. 1:24.

(1 Corinthians 6:7) 7 Really, it is already a defeat for you when you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather let yourselves be wronged? Why do you not rather let yourselves be defrauded?

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Paul also corrected Christians in Corinth who were taking one another to court, stating that they were wronging and defrauding their brothers by this action of going to court before unrighteous men and not before the holy ones in the congregation. They should rather suffer being defrauded than to take such matters before men of the world.—1Co 6:1-8.

*** w02 11/1 p. 6 Apologizing—A Key to Making Peace ***

The issue is, not so much who is right and who is wrong, but who will take the initiative to make peace. When the apostle Paul noticed that the Christians in Corinth were taking fellow servants of God to secular courts over such personal differences as financial disagreements, he corrected them: “Why do you not rather let yourselves be wronged? Why do you not rather let yourselves be defrauded?” (1 Corinthians 6:7) Although Paul said this to discourage fellow Christians from airing their personal differences in secular courts, the principle is clear: Peace among fellow believers is more important than proving who is right and who is wrong. Keeping this principle in mind makes it easier to apologize for a wrong that someone thinks we have committed against him or her.

(1 Corinthians 6:11) 11 And yet that is what some of you were. But you have been washed clean; you have been sanctified; you have been declared righteous in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and with the spirit of our God.

*** w10 4/15 p. 9 Holy Spirit's Role in the Out-working of Jehovah's Purpose ***

Holy Spirit's Role at Present

11 First, holy spirit is a force for cleanness among God's people. Those who play a part in Jehovah's purpose must be morally clean. (Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.) Some who become true Christians formerly engaged in such immoral practices as fornication, adultery, and homosexuality. The desires that give birth to sinful acts can be deeply entrenched. (Jas. 1:14, 15) Yet, such individuals have been "washed clean," indicating that they have made the changes in their life needed to please God. What enables a lover of God to resist successfully the impulse to act on wrong desires? "The spirit of our God," says 1 Corinthians 6:11. By keeping morally clean, you show that you are letting that spirit be a dominant force in your life.