

**1 CORINTHIANS**

**Great Church Fights**

# **NO ORDINARY PEOPLE**

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1. Treat our church as no ordinary group.

### *1 Corinthians 3:16-17*

*<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.*

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1. Treat our church as no ordinary group.
2. Love our church by pledging your allegiance to Jesus.

### *1 Corinthians 3:21-23*

*<sup>21</sup> So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.*

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2. Love our church by pledging your allegiance to Jesus.
3. See yourself as a servant and a steward.

### *1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

*<sup>1</sup> This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. <sup>2</sup> Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*

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2. Love our church by pledging your allegiance to Jesus.
3. See yourself as a servant and a steward.
4. Pay little attention to the court of human opinion.



### 1 Corinthians 4:3-5

*<sup>3</sup> I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes.*

### *1 Corinthians 4:3-5*

*He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.*

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5. Keep Scripture in its proper place – front & center.

### 1 Corinthians 4:6

*6 Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other.*

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5. Keep Scripture in its proper place – front & center.
6. Love one another enough to speak the truth.

### 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

*<sup>14</sup> I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. <sup>15</sup> Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I urge you to imitate me.*

### *1 Corinthians 4:14-21*

*<sup>17</sup> For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord.*

*He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.*

*<sup>18</sup> Some of you have become arrogant, as if I*

### *1 Corinthians 4:14-21*

*were not coming to you. <sup>19</sup> But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have. <sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. <sup>21</sup> What do you prefer?*



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### *1 Corinthians 4:14-21*

*Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline, or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?*