



# Daily Reflections

**September 2, 2016**

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## Scripture

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

Brothers and sisters:

Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ  
and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Now it is of course required of stewards  
that they be found trustworthy.

It does not concern me in the least  
that I be judged by you or any human tribunal;

I do not even pass judgment on myself;

I am not conscious of anything against me,  
but I do not thereby stand acquitted;

the one who judges me is the Lord.

Therefore, do not make any judgment before the appointed time,  
until the Lord comes,

for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness  
and will manifest the motives of our hearts,  
and then everyone will receive praise from God.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

There are two definitions of the Greek word for "judgment":

1. To condemn
2. To identify error or sinful behavior

There were those in Corinth who in their arrogance had condemned Paul. Paul makes it very clear to them and all that while he may not be flawless, he is faithful. Paul gives everything he has for the sake of the Gospel and his intentions are pure. To those who try to condemn him, Paul reminds them that there is only one Judge, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the final word on Paul and Paul puts all of his trust in Him.

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## **Food for your Journey**

The judge asked the defendant, "Mr. Jones, do you understand that you have sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"

"I do."

"Now, what do you say to defend yourself?" asked the judge.

"Your Honor," said the defendant, "under those limitations ... nothing."

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, with the help of Your Grace, please strengthen me in my walk with You each day. If I should stumble or fall, get me up and back on the road with You again. Amen.

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