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2 Corinthians 12:14-19

Title: Right in the sight of God

Notice that Paul reiterates this point of not being a burden to the folks at Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:14). He's willing, again, to keep up the same arrangement they'd become used to.

**Notice that Paul (2 Corinthians
12:14-15) ties love for the brethren
directly to service. We should too, but
keep in mind that the world doesn't.**

Matthew 23:1-12

**Jesus Christ, the ultimate Servant,
made it clear that he came ultimately to
serve: Mark 10:35-45**

Jesus Christ served the disciples as an example for them, and by extension for us. He loved them: Luke 22:24-30

**Jesus Christ also understood that he
would be integral to the (eternal) lives of
His sheep. He would serve them in a
great deal of ways: John 10:10-18**

**Paul uses sarcasm again using the word
“deceit” (*dolos*) in 2 Corinthians
12:16-17. In reality, by not making
himself a burden to the people he wasn’t
being deceitful at all — he was simply
atypical in his approach.**

**Paul cites Titus (2 Corinthians 12:17-18)
as an example of someone upstanding
that he sent to Corinth. His point is, if
you appreciate what Titus did for you,
do the same with me (Paul).**

**Paul cared deeply for his readers. He
cared deeply for Titus, too. Remember
that he called him his son and spoke
well of him: 2 Corinthians 8:16-23,
Titus 1:1-4**

**All that Paul and the other apostles did,
they did in the sight of God (2
Corinthians 12:19). Paul has the same
spirit of those before him who
understood who they would ultimately
answer to — not critics, but God.**

**We will answer, ultimately, to God.
Recall what the ultimate Servant, our
Lord Jesus Christ, made clear via this
parable: Matthew 25:14-23**

**We will answer, ultimately, to God.
Peter and the other apostles understood
that their allegiance to God superseded
all else: Acts 5:27-32**

Remember that God the Father sees all.

**God sees what we do and our hearts,
meaning in this context our motives and
motivations: Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs
15:11**

**John lets us know that Jesus Christ
knows the heart: John 2:18-25**

**Put simply, He is divine. He knew
thoughts too: Matthew 9:1-8**

Since we love one another, we must serve one another. Paul followed Christ, and we all should be able to follow His example. He died for us that we might live for him, and that means service to the brethren.

What we do here in the earth, we do in the sight of God and we'll answer to Him for it. Don't fret about those who insinuate that you aren't doing what you should. Focus on Him and what works He has prepared for us to do.

Next week, we'll discuss the ways Paul would use his apostolic authority and why he would see fit to do so. His concern was that his readers would embarrass him, but he was prepared to set things in order if the need arose.