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THE FOUR SELVES

Who am I living to please?

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore, judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. 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.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

1. My _____ self. Who you think I am.

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court...

1 Corinthians 4:3

Strategy - die to my public self.

We are fools for Christ... To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. ...when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

1 Corinthians 4:10-13

2. My _____ self. Who I think I am.

Strategy - reveal my private self.

“Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up...

1 Corinthians 4:6

Some of you have become puffed up...

1 Corinthians 4:18 NIV+NKJV

...you are puffed up.

1 Corinthians 5:2 NKJV

...knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

1 Corinthians 8:1

3. My _____ self. Who God knows me to be.

...I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

Romans 7:15 NLT

...I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

Strategy - discover my real self.

But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Psalms 19:12

4. My _____ self. Who God wants me to become.

Strategy - desire to become the glory self above all else.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

...our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:17