

Servants ... For Christ's Sake

Some non-Christians may look down on your faith, ridicule or humiliate you.
For Christ's sake show them you love them anyway.

Fellow Christians can be arrogant, dogmatic and hurtful.
For Christ's sake don't become bitter. Christ has not finished with them yet.

Practise what is clearly stated in Scripture,
and some will accuse you of being old fashioned, unrealistic or narrow minded.
For Christ's sake live the truth out in an attractive way.

Stand against the strong currents of sectarianism and legalism, and insiders will accuse you of
being liberal, of lacking conviction or of association with evil.
For Christ's sake speak up against manipulative and oppressive systems.

Defend your fellow brother from unfair or untrue accusations, and you risk being labelled as
divisive, independent or a lover of man more than of God.
For Christ's sake be faithful and stand up for what is true.

If you sense God's call to serve in some new way, some will say you are worldly, or provocative
or that you are abandoning the "old and tested paths."
For Christ's sake be careful but make sure you follow His leading.

If you serve the Lord with all you've got, some will call you fanatic,
irresponsible or will cast doubt on your motives.
For Christ's sake serve Him passionately anyway. He is worth it.

Life is empty if we live to please self.
Life is crazy if we live to please the world.
Life is depressing if we live to please fellow Christians.

For Christ's sake let us break free from the cobweb of conflicting
human expectations. Like the great men of God in times past,
let us purify our hearts and strengthen our resolve to follow His leading wherever He may take
us, and at whatever price.

"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God?
Or am I trying to please men?
If I were still trying to please men,
I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10

"We are not trying to please men but God,
who tests our hearts" 1 Thessalonians 2:4

For Christ's sake let's live what is left of this short life to please Him.
Let us be in reality *His servants* in our generation.

- Poem inspired on words credited to Mother Teresa of Calcutta -

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