

Messy Church!

A guide

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10/01/2020, 19:00

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11/01/2020, 08:41

Hi, I have an available slot on Wednesday 29th of January. If anything becomes available before then I will let you know. Is this okay?
Kind Regards
Dan

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11/01/2020, 10:52

Perfect

28/01/2020, 17:09

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I have another job first thing so will be out between 12 and 1pm if not before

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Delivered

See you tomorrow

29/01/2020, 09:53

Be with you within the hour

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10/01/2020, 19:00

Hi Dan, did you sort out a date for my c/h electrics?

11/01/2020, 08:41

Hi, I have an available slot on Wednesday 29th of January. If anything becomes available before then I will let you know. Is this okay?
Kind Regards
Dan

That's fine I've put it in. [117 Lenthay Rd DT9 6AQ](#)

Anything earlier would be good if it comes up....

11/01/2020, 10:52

Perfect

28/01/2020, 17:09

See you tomorrow- do you have a time?

I have another job first thing so will be out between 12 and 1pm if not before

Fine -I'll try to sort out what I can. I have the wiring diagrams - just need to check where the cable ends are. Access is very easy - a walk in loft and well lit.

Very
Delivered

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Bible

- What were the concerns and what kingdom principles apply?
- What do we learn of Paul and the Corinthian church?
- How can we apply this in our churches?

Verses 12 - 14

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Verses 12 - 14

Can we be trusted?

The need to rely on God's grace in order to build trust and further - to be able to boast in each other

Verses 15 - 22

Because I was confident of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy —was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Verses 15 - 22

Why did you change your plans? Are we not worth another visit?

We are God's through faith, and he keeps his promises through Jesus. It is **Christ who helps us stand firm in difficulty** – but even more – it is the **Holy Spirit who infects our hearts**

23 - Ch 2v4

I call God as my witness —and I stake my life on it—that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm.

So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? I wrote as I did, so that when I came I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

23 - Ch 2v4

Why are you judging us? Why the painful visit and letter?

We need rebuking from time to time...

doing so is painful and hurts the rebuker!

BUT it has to be done.

AND it has to be done **out of concern for the truth** and

NOT in order to spite or hate the rebuked.

Paul

a response of Christian love

- he is at pains to claim **openness and honesty**
- his behaviour is based on **his faith in Jesus Christ**
- he places himself **alongside, not above**, the Corinthians v14, v21,22
- he is **deeply concerned that he has caused** difficulty
- **He is realistic and humble enough** to know that another visit might do more harm than good
- He shows **he loves them greatly** – they are his children in God.

Corinthians

- They are **worthy** to be ranked alongside Paul by the grace of God
- They **recognise their need for help**
- They **can** help themselves

Actions

We need to speak and act out of love and out of the deep sense of equality before the grace of God and in all this “he has annointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his spirit in our hearts...”

Actions

Do we see ourselves as all equal in “the day of our Lord”?

Actions

We all of us need a sense of being marked for Christ, and imbued with the Holy Spirit who guides and directs us in all the everyday things of life. And he does that in unique ways for each of us.

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A guide - by grace