

Letter 244a: [c. 6 May 1525], Strasbourg, The Strasbourg Preachers to the City Council of Strasbourg

The text of this memo is printed in CorrBucer 2, pp. 21-2, Ep. 95.

[*Summary*]: The preachers ask the council to put a stop to slanderous tales that they are inciting the people to rebellion against the secular authorities and to claims that the clerics' adoption of citizenship goes against the gospel. They ask that inns be policed because men waste their money on drinking and gambling and neglect their families; the funds of monasteries and convents should be controlled, and those who wish to leave should be allowed to do so. The gospel should be preached in convents, and ceremonies (mass, singing, bell ringing) should be reformed or suppressed. Clergy should be prevented from keeping concubines.