



All Things for the Sake of the Gospel

I Corinthians 9:1-27

PAUL'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THOSE TO WHOM HE PREACHED THE GOSPEL

1. Based on his Apostleship 9:1-6
2. Based on the Universal Human Custom of Labor-Reward 9:7
3. Based on the Precedent Set in God's Law 9:8-11
4. Based on the Right of Other Less-Deserving Spiritual Shepherds to be Supported 9:12a
5. Based on the Pattern for the Support of Priests 9:13
6. Based on Jesus' Command 9:14

PAUL'S RELINQUISHING OF THIS RIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 9:12b *Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.*

- Paul declares that he has a reason to boast. 9:15
- He would rather die than lose that reason for boasting. 9:15
- He does NOT boast in the fact that he preached the gospel. 9:16
- He DOES boast in the fact that he had made a voluntary decision to let go of his right to receive financial support for preaching the gospel and thus could preach it free of charge. 9:17-18

PAUL'S PASSION THAT HIS LIFE BE CONSUMED BY PROCLAIMING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL

1. Adapting to Cultural Customs to Win Others to the Gospel 9:19-23
2. Disciplining his Body in order to Win Others to the Gospel AND Win the Ultimate Prize of the Gospel 9:24-27

1 Corinthians 9:24 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*

Memory verse:

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23a *i have become all things to all people, that by all means i might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel...*

CLOSED CIRCUIT FOR NEW LIFE CHURCH:

1. Respond to the 'Gospel Call' to Repent and Believe the Gospel
2. Respond to the Call to make spreading the Gospel your Life's Work
3. Respond to the Call to Sacrifice for the Gospel

What are you giving up in order to advance the Gospel?

Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.: Rev. 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon.: Rev. 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tues.: Rev. 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed.: Psalm 90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs.: Psalm 91 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri.: Psalm 92 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.: Psalm 93 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.: Psalm 94 | |

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