

The Borders of Liberty (Part 3)

a study in 1 Cor. 9:1-27

I. Introduction

- Here in chapter 9, Paul explains how he voluntarily limits his liberty in the service of others.

II. The Apostle and His Rights

1. Paul reasserts that he is an Apostle—His calling to be a _____ in Christ's Church
2. Paul does have a right to demand the church's financial _____
3. _____'s law even speaks of it
4. There is a precedent set in the financial support of _____
5. Since the time of the priests in the Old Testament, support has been the _____
6. Paul explains that Christ Himself also ordains that the apostles should be _____

III. The Gospel—Free of Charge

1. Paul is not trying to _____ the Corinthians into beginning his financial support
2. Paul explains that he preaches the Gospel at the _____ of Christ and not for money
3. For Paul, the true reward was that the _____ of Christ goes forth

IV. The Apostle's Commitment to Winning the Lost

1. For Paul, the ultimate prize was winning the _____ to Christ
2. Paul has committed to limiting access to his own _____ in order to win anyone he can to Christ
3. Paul has committed unceasingly to employing _____ - _____ so that he need not fear disqualification from the rewards of God

V. Conclusion

1. Here, as in other places, Paul reminds the Corinthians that he has been called to be an apostle in Christ's Church
2. Paul has committed to not receiving a dime for preaching the gospel so that there is no chance of tainting the rewards from Christ for him
3. Paul lives out this principle in controlling himself to serve all so that he may win more to Christ

Answer Key:**I. Introduction****II. The Apostle and His Rights**

1. Paul reasserts that he is an Apostle—His calling to be a **BUILDER** in Christ's Church
2. Paul does have a right to demand the church's financial **SUPPORT**
3. **GOD's** law even speaks of it
4. There is a precedent set in the financial support of **OTHERS**
5. Since the time of the priests in the Old Testament, support has been the **PATTERN**
6. Paul explains that Christ Himself also ordains that the apostles should be **SUPPORTED**

III. The Gospel—Free of Charge

1. Paul is not trying to **GUILT** the Corinthians into beginning his financial support
2. Paul explains that he preaches the Gospel at the **DEMAND** of Christ and not for money
3. For Paul, the true reward was that the **GOSPEL** of Christ goes forth

IV. The Apostle's Commitment to Winning the Lost

1. For Paul, the ultimate prize was winning the **LOST** to Christ
2. Paul has committed to limiting access to his own **FREEDOM** in order to win anyone he can to Christ
3. Paul has committed unceasingly to employing **SELF-CONTROL** so that he need not fear disqualification from the rewards of God

V. Conclusion