



Gospel DELIGHT
TEXT: 1 Corinthians 9:1-19

Paul's DEFENSE: 1 Corinthians 9:3

- 1) **His FREEDOM:** 1 Corinthians 8:13-9:1a
- 2) **His APOSTLESHIP...**
 - a) **Through a DIVINE ENCOUNTER with JESUS:** 1 Corinthians 9:1bc
See also: Acts 9:3-8, 22:6-11, 26:12-18; 1 Cor. 15:4-10
 - b) **Through his APOSTOLIC MINISTRY amongst the CORINTHIANS:**
1 Corinthians 9:2
- 3) **His WORK amongst the CORINTHIANS:** 1 Cor. 9:1d. See: 1 Cor. 4:15

Paul's DUE:

- 1) **The RIGHT to EAT and DRINK whatever good gifts God provides:** 1 Corinthians 9:4. See also: 1 Timothy 4:3-5
- 2) **The RIGHT to a believing SPOUSE:** 1 Cor. 9:5. See: 1 Cor. 7:38-39
- 3) **The RIGHT to NOT WORK in a job OTHER THAN MINISTRY:** 1 Corinthians 9:6
 - a) **All laborers rightly EXPECT their WAGES:** 1 Corinthians 9:7
 - b) **The LAW of GOD COMMANDS employers to provide DUE WAGES:** 1 Corinthians 9:8-10. See also: Lev. 19:13; Deut. 25:4
 - c) **It is JUST to REPAY spiritual teachers with MATERIAL support:** 1 Corinthians 9:11. See also: Romans 15:27; Galatians 6:6
 - d) **OTHERS (including other ministers) GET PAID for their services:** 1 Corinthians 9:12a
 - e) **The TEMPLE MINISTERS received their financial support from the TEMPLE:** 1 Cor. 9:13. See: Num. 5:9-10; 18:8-20; Deut. 18:1
 - **The CHURCH is the NEW temple** – 1 Cor. 3:16-17
 - f) **JESUS commanded the CHURCH TO SUPPORT her MINISTERS:** 1 Corinthians 9:14. See: Matt 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

Paul's DUTY: 1 Corinthians 9:16ab

- 1) **The PROCLAMATION of the GOSPEL is a RESPONSIBILITY (STEWARDSHIP):** 1 Corinthians 9:17
 - a) **Paul was CHOSEN to be a JESUS PROCLAIMER:** Acts 9:15. See also: Acts 13:2; Romans 1:1; Gal. 1:15; Eph. 3:7
 - b) **Like JEREMIAH – he was COMPELLED:** Jer. 20:9. See: Rom. 1:14
- 2) **With real SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES (LOSS) for DISOBEDIENCE:** 1 Corinthians 9:16c

Paul's DEATH: 1 Corinthians 9:12b

- 1) **Paul CHOSE to WORK to SUPPORT HIMSELF and his fellow ministers of the Gospel:** Acts 18:1-4
- 2) **He USED this SAME PATTERN of self-support in MOST PLACES:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9. See also: Acts 20:33-35
- 3) **He DIDN'T WANT the CORINTHIANS to PROVIDE for Him:** 1 Corinthians 9:15ab
- 4) **He even (hyperbolically) CLAIMED he'd rather DIE than have others support Him:** 1 Corinthians 9:15c

Paul's DELIGHT: 1 Corinthians 9:17a, 18

- 1) **POURING OUT the abundant GRACE he had received:** Matt. 10:7-8
- 2) **TRUSTING God to provide GREATER JOY in SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** Acts 20:33-35
- 3) **DISPLAYING the undeserved GRACE of JESUS so the world can DELIGHT in HIM:** 1 Corinthians 1:30-31
- 4) **WINNING people to JESUS:** 1 Corinthians 9:19

“Gospel In Life” questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23