

The Passion for a Winning Team

1 Corinthians 9:1-23

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Introduction:

#1. The Position, verses 1-2

(1) Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? (2) If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

#2. The Privileges, 3-14

(3) My defense to those who examine me is this:

a. Physical needs, 4

(4) Do we not have a right to eat and drink?

b. Family needs, 5

(5) Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

c. Financial needs, 6-14 (6) Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

1st- _____ demonstrates the need, 7-8a

(7) Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard, and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock? (8) I am not speaking these things according to human judgement, am I?

2nd-The _____ declares the need, 8b-10

Or does not the Law also say these things? (9) For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing." God is not concerned about oxen, is He? (10) Or is he speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher to thresh in hope of sharing the crops.

3rd- _____ shows us the need, 11

(11) If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?

4th- _____ model the need, 12a

(12a) If others share the right over you, do we not more?

5th- _____ illustrated the need, 13

(13) Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the food of the temple, and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?

6th-The _____ teaches the need, 14

(14) So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

#3. The Principle, 12b

(12b) Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

#4. The Passion, 15-18

(15) But I have used none of these things. And I not writing these things that it may be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one. (16) For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is he if I do not preach the gospel. (17) For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. (18) What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

#5. The _____, 19-23

(19) For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. (20) And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law; (21) to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

(22) To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. (23) And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

Conclusion: