

***Becoming
a Servant***

1 Corinthians 9

Servants do not
demand their
rights

***Am I not an apostle? Am I
not free? Have I not seen
Jesus Christ our Lord? Are
you not my work in the
Lord?***

1 Corinthians 9:1

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:2

Paul did not assert
his right as an
apostle

***Do we have no right to take
along a believing wife, as
do also the other apostles,
the brothers of the Lord,
and Cephas?***

1 Corinthians 9:5

But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32

Paul did not assert
his right to a wife

***Or is it only Barnabas and I
who have no right to
refrain from working?***

1 Corinthians 9:6

Paul did not assert
his right to
resources

***Nevertheless we have not
used this right, but endure
all things lest we hinder
the gospel of Christ.***

1 Corinthians 9:12b

***But I have used none of
these things, nor have I
written these things that it
should be done so to me;***

*for it would be better
for me to die than that
anyone should make
my boasting void.*

1 Corinthians 9:15

***For if I preach the gospel,
I have nothing to boast
of, for necessity is laid
upon me; yes, woe is me
if I do not preach the
gospel!***

1 Corinthians 9:16

***For if I do this willingly, I
have a reward; but if
against my will, I have
been entrusted with a
stewardship.***

1 Corinthians 9:17

What is my reward then?

***That when I preach the
gospel, I may present the
gospel of Christ without
charge, that I may not
abuse my authority in the
gospel.***

1 Corinthians 9:18

Servants *choose*
to serve

*For though I am free from
all men, I have made
myself a servant to all, that
I might win the more;*

1 Corinthians 9:19

Servants put
themselves in the
place of *others*

*And to the Jews I became
as a Jew, that I might win
Jews; to those who are
under the law, as under the
law, that I might win those
who are under the law;*

1 Corinthians 9:20

Paul became as
a *Jew*

*And to the Jews I became
as a Jew, that I might win
Jews; to those who are
under the law, as under the
law, that I might win those
who are under the law;*

1 Corinthians 9:20

***Therefore the law was our
tutor to bring us to Christ,
that we might be justified
by faith.***

Galatians 3:24

***But after faith has
come, we are no
longer under a tutor.***

Galatians 3:25

Paul became as
those
under the Law

***To those who are without
law, as without law (not
being without law toward
God, but under law
toward Christ), that I
might win those who are
without law;***

1 Corinthians 9:21

***For in Him we live and
move and have our being,
as also some of your own
poets have said, 'For we
are also His offspring.'***

Acts 17:28

Paul became as
those *without*
the law

***To those who are without
law, as without law (not
being without law toward
God, but under law
toward Christ), that I
might win those who are
without law;***

1 Corinthians 9:21

Paul
empathized
with the *weak*

To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22

***Therefore, if food makes
my brother stumble, I will
never again eat meat, lest
I make my brother
stumble.***

1 Corinthians 8:13

***Now this I do for the
gospel's sake, that I may
be partaker of it with you.***

1 Corinthians 9:23

Paul put
himself in the
place of others
for the *gospel*

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

1 Corinthians 9:24



And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

1 Corinthians 9:25

Paul kept his
eye on the
crown

***Therefore I run thus: not
with uncertainty. Thus I
fight: not as one who beats
the air.***

1 Corinthians 9:26

***But I discipline my body
and bring it into
subjection, lest, when I
have preached to others, I
myself should become
disqualified.***

1 Corinthians 9:27

Real servants
are *disciplined*