

PAUL'S PERSONAL FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY I Cor 9:1-12a

(His Rights and his Freedom to Set them Aside)

1. Am I not free? MY IDENTITY
Am I not an apostle?
Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?
Are not you my workmanship in the Lord?

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

3. This is my defense to those who would examine me. **MY RIGHTS**
Do we not have *the right* to our *food and drink*?
Do we not have the *right* to be accompanied by a *wife*,
as the *other apostles* and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?
Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?

4. Who serves as a *soldier* at his own expense? SOLDIER
who *plants a vineyard* without getting any of its fruit? VINEDRESSER
Who *tends a flock* without getting some of the milk? SHEPHERD

5. Do I say this on human authority?
Does not the *law* say the same? TORAH OF
For it is written in the *law of Moses*, MOSES

6. "You shall *not muzzle* an *ox*
when it is *treading* out the *grain*." ENCASED
TRADITION

7. Is it for oxen that *God is concerned*?
Does he not speak entirely for our sake? TORAH
It was *written* for *our sake*, OF GOD

8. for the *plowman* should plow in hope PLOWMAN
and the *thresher* thresh in hope of a share in the crop. THRESHER

9. If we have sown spiritual things among you,
is it too much if we reap your material benefits? MY RIGHTS
If others share *this rightful claim* upon you,
Do not we still more?

I Cor. 9:12b-18 [A continuation of 9:12b-18]

10. But, we have *not made use of this right*, **NOT USING MY RIGHTS**
but we endure anything
rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.
11. Do you not know that those who are *employed* in the *temple service*
get their *food* from the *temple*,
and those who *serve at the altar* **TEMPLE**
share in the sacrificial *offerings*? **(OT)**
12. In the same way, the *Lord commanded*¹
that those who *proclaim the gospel*
should get their *living* by the *gospel*. **LORD'S COMMAND**
(NT)
13. But I have *not made use* of any of these *rights*,
nor am I writing to secure such provision. **NOT USING MY RIGHTS**
14. For I would rather die
than have any one deprive me
of my *ground for boasting*. **GROUND FOR**
BOASTING
15. For if I *preach the gospel*,
that gives me *no ground for boasting*. **NECESSITY**
For *necessity* is laid upon me.
Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!
16. For if I do *this* (i.e. surrender rights)
of my own will, **IF OF MY WILL**
I have my reward; **I HAVE - REWARD**
17. but if not of my own will,
I am instructed with a *commission*. **COMMISSION**
18. *Where then* is my *ground for reward*? Just this:
that in my preaching **GROUND FOR**
I make the gospel free of charge, **REWARD**
19. *full use not making of my right* **NOT USING MY RIGHTS**
in the gospel.

ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE

[Cor. 9:19-27]

¹ Lk 10:7

1. For though I am *free from all* men,
I have made myself a *slave to all*,
that I might *win* the *more*. ALL

2. I became *to the Jews*
as a *Jew*,
that I might *win Jews*; JEW

3. to *those under the law*
I became as *one under the law* - LAW
though *not being* myself *under the law* - (Jew)
that I might *win those under the law*.

4. To *those outside the law*
I became as *one outside the law* - NO LAW
not being without the *law of God* (Gentile)
(but under the law of Christ)
that I might *win those outside the law*.

5. I became *to the weak*
as one *weak*, WEAK
that I might *win the weak*. (Gentile)

6. To *all men*
I have become all things, ALL
that I might by all means *save some*.

7. I do it all for the sake of the *gospel*, THE GOSPEL
that a *partner of it* I may become. A PARTNER

8. Do you not know that in a race all the *runners* compete, PARABLE OF
but only one receives the prize? THE RUNNER
So run that you may obtain it.

9. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. CONCLUSION
They do it to receive a perishable wreath,
but we an imperishable.

10. Hence, *I do not run aimlessly*, PARABLES OF:
I do not *box as one beating the air*; THE RUNNER
but I pommel my body and subdue it, THE BOXER

11. lest after *preaching* to others PREACHING
I myself should be *disqualified*. NOT DISQUALIFIED