

Living as a Servant of God 1 Corinthians 9:1-19

Main Idea: Although he has every right to be financially supported, Paul chose to support himself so he could offer the Gospel without charge.

- I. Paul has every right to be financially supported (vss 1-14)
 - A. He is an apostle and should have the same rights as other apostles (vss. 1-6).

²¹ "Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection." Acts 1:21-22 (NASB)

- B. Experience and the Law support his right for financial provision (vss 7-13).

- C. Jesus taught that ministers of the Gospel be supported (vs. 14).

⁷ "Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house." Luke 10:7 (NASB)

⁹ "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, ¹⁰ or a bag for *your* journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support." Matthew 10:9-10 (NASB)

II. Paul chose to support himself so he could offer the Gospel without charge (vss 15-18).

III. What can we learn from Paul's example?

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B. _____

C. _____