



## RADICAL SACRIFICE FOR THE GOSPEL (PART 1) I Corinthians 9:1-14

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1. His position: Paul has apostle-sized \_\_\_\_\_! (1-2)
  
2. As a full-time minister, Paul has a right to \_\_\_\_\_ that he can live on (3-6)
  
3. Paul gives an overwhelming six reasons to back up his \_\_\_\_\_ for material support (7-14)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ sense (7)
  - B. Scriptural \_\_\_\_\_ (8-10)
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ (11) – Spiritual work has real value and should be rewarded as such
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ of how others are supported (12)
  - E. The \_\_\_\_\_ (13)
  - F. And one last thing, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it! (14)

4. In a stunning reversal, Paul gave up this right so he could better share the \_\_\_\_\_ (12, 15)

Why was this a stumbling block?

**There is a difference in having a right and exercising it.**

Primary Application:

- Our rights and wants are a \_\_\_\_\_ priorities than the Gospel and loving our brothers.
- We never \_\_\_\_\_ at a position where our rights are more important
- Remember, you are sometimes the stronger one and sometimes the \_\_\_\_\_ one.
- Whether we can or cannot do something is only the first step in making a decision. How will this affect the Gospel and my brother? How will it bring glory to God?

Lessons on paying pastors:

- No one model of support is \_\_\_\_\_
- Ministers should be provided with a reasonable and adequate living so they are not preoccupied with providing for their family rather than devoting themselves to the work of ministry
- Those in ministry must not allow support levels to \_\_\_\_\_ their ministry to certain people
- Congregations should not think of salaries or giving levels as a way of \_\_\_\_\_ a pastor to their desires
- Every one of us should be personally \_\_\_\_\_ in giving  
It is an act of worship

Equipping – Memorization:

*1 Cor 9:12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.*