

The Tackle Box

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 New International Version (NIV)

19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. **20** To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. **21** To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. **23** I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1. I am free in Christ

I'm free from the penalty and power of sin

2. I am free in Christ with a purpose:

Win people to Christ...sake of the gospel

3. I am free in Christ with a purpose and strategy.

- a. I will relate to others in their cultural situation. (Jews)
- b. I will relate to people in their spiritual situation. (under the law, not under the law...religious vs conscience code)
- c. I will relate to others in their emotional situation. (weak)
- d. I will relate to others, regardless with I must do.

Mike Flair interview....table needed in front of pulpit with his tackle box....

4. I am free in Christ with a purpose, strategy and blessing.

- a. The blessing is now...I can see lives changed.
- b. The blessing is in partnership...joy in seeing God use me.
- c. The blessing is in eternity...heaven gained.

ONE LURE CHALLENGE: use the Fish Hook between now and the first of January to engage with others about Christ. Use the pin to open dialogue. Use the card to guide your conversation...the pin and card are for you, the fisherman, not the fish.