

# L88 | I Corinthians | Preach The Gospel, Live of The Gospel | I Cor. 9:1-14

## I. Intro/Review:

### 1. Context

- 1.1 - Use freedom and liberty to by love serve one another
- 1.2 - Paul give up his apostolic right and power to be free
- 1.3 - Have them hearken to his authority
- 1.4 - Certify what he has already reprovved, corrected, and instructed

### 2. A defense of Paul's apostleship

- 2.1 - Signs of an apostle
  - 2.1.1 - Free
  - 2.1.2 - Seen the LJC
  - 2.1.3 - The Corinthian fruits of Paul's labor
    - a. Seal of Paul's apostleship
- 2.2 - The power of an apostle
  - 2.2.1 - Power to eat and drink
  - 2.2.2 - Power to lead a wife and family
  - 2.2.3 - Power to forbear working
- 2.3 - Examples
  - 2.3.1 - The Soldier {7}
  - 2.3.2 - The Husbandman {7}
  - 2.3.3 - The Shepherd {7}
  - 2.3.4 - The Law
    - a. The Ox {9}
    - b. The Partakers of the Altar {13}
  - 2.3.5 - The Athlete {24-27}

### 3. The scriptural pattern of power and freedom ordained by the Lord

- 3.1 - Apostolic power {1-11}
- 3.2 - Levitical power {13}
- 3.3 - Preacher power {14}

## II. Preview:

- 1. **The Plowing and Threshing Husbandman & Ox {10}**
- 2. **The Greatness of Spiritual Things {11}**
- 3. **Partakers of the Altar {13}**

#### 4. The Ordaining of Living of The Preaching of the Gospel {14}

### III. Sermon:

{1 Corinthians 9:10} Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

#### 1. The Plowing and Threshing Husbandman & Ox {10}

##### 1.1 - Definition of "plowing"

- 1.1.1 - **Plowing** - furrowing; turning of the ground; planting in the ground
- 1.1.2 - The toiling in the cursed ground in the sweat of your brow
- 1.1.3 - The preacher of the gospel toiling in the cursed ground of the heart
- 1.1.4 - The planting of seed to bear fruit
- 1.1.5 - The planting of the seed of God's Word to bear the fruits of righteousness
- 1.1.6 - Luke 17:7-10 - serve in the field, then serve more, and we are unprofitable

##### 1.2 - Definition of "threshing"

- 1.2.1 - **Threshing** - To beat out grain from the husk
- 1.2.2 - Laborious; both ox and servants
- 1.2.3 - To extract for the master and His family meat to partake (heavenly provender)
- 1.2.4 - Husbandman and ox are first partakers of the harvest; obtain success in labors

##### 1.3 - "in hope"

- 1.3.1 - This isn't the only reason to plow and thresh
- 1.3.2 - One more fundamental, that is, to provide meat for others
- 1.3.3 - 2 Corinthians 9:10; Isaiah 55:10-11
  - a. He ministers seed to the sower (1 Cor. 3 - planted, watered, God gives increase)
    - i. God ministers seed (the Word of God)
    - ii. God ministers seed to the sower (the teacher, preacher)
  - b. Both
    - i. Minister bread for your food - own edification and spiritual well-being
    - ii. Multiply your seed sown - it is the Word (seed) sown in you will become multiplied
    - iii. Increase the fruits of your righteousness - produce a great harvest of fruit

1.4 - The livelihood of the husbandman isn't the fruit of talent, business, etc - but the fruit of the ground from which he does commerce: so it is with the sower of God's Word, he is a partaker of the fruit of God's Word working in the hearts of believers to support and take care from which he can do commerce.

{1 Corinthians 9:11} If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

#### 2. The Greatness of Spiritual Things {11}

##### 2.1 - The things plowed and threshed

2.1.1 - "if we have sown unto you spiritual things" - What are spiritual things?

- a. Eternal
- b. Superior
- c. Greater

2.1.2 - Paul is a sower of the gospel, word of truth

**{1 Corinthians 9:12} If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.**

**{1 Corinthians 9:13} Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?**

### **3. Partakers of the Altar {13}**

3.1 - Leviticus 6:14-18

**{1 Corinthians 9:14} Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.**

### **4. The Ordaining of Living of The Preaching of the Gospel {14}**

4.1 - "ordained"

4.1.1 - To arrange; appoint; prescribe; give order

4.2 - Luke 3:13 - exact no more than that which is appointed you

4.3 - Examples

4.3.1 - 1 Cor. 7:17 - distribution of calling

4.3.2 - 1 Cor. 16:1 - collection of saints

4.3.3 - Gal. 3:19 - the law by angels

4.3.4 - Tit. 1:5 - Titus appointed to ordain elders

## **IV. Conclusion:**

1. Paul is free to be motivated, incentivized, and partaker of his labors at Corinthians by exercising his power to be taken care of yet he chooses not to.
  - a. In one sense whether he choose to or not the Corinthians are not
  - b. Yet, Paul bringing it up because of their response
  - c. Doesn't want it to hinder the gospel
2. Others partake of this power
3. Christ has ordained for preachers of the gospel to live of the gospel