

• 1 CORINTHIANS •

FOOLISHNESS OR POWER

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (CSB)
 19 Although I am free from all and not anyone's slave, I have made myself a slave to everyone, in order to win more people.

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 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win Jews; to those under the law, like one under the law—though I myself am not under the law—to win those under the law.

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²¹ To those who are without the law, like one without the law—though I am not without God’s law but under the law of Christ—to win those without the law.

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²² To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some.
²³ Now I do all this because of the gospel, so that I may share in the blessings.

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It’s all about the gospel.

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1 Corinthians 9:1-2 (CSB)

¹ Am I not free? Am I not an apostle?
Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you
not my work in the Lord?
² If I am not an apostle to others, at
least I am to you, because you are the
seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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1 Corinthians 9:3-6 (CSB)

³ My defense to those who examine me
is this:
⁴ Don't we have the right to eat
and drink?

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1 Corinthians 9:3-6 (CSB)

⁵ Don't we have the right to be
accompanied by a believing wife like
the other apostles, the Lord's brothers,
and Cephas?
⁶ Or do only Barnabas and I have no
right to refrain from working?

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1 Corinthians 9:7 (CSB)

Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not drink the milk from the flock?

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Faithful leaders should...

- 1) Fight for truth.
- 2) Plant seeds of faith.
- 3) Shepherd the people God entrusted to them.

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1 Corinthians 9:8-9 (CSB)

⁸ Am I saying this from a human perspective? Doesn't the law also say the same thing?

⁹ For it is written in the law of Moses, ***Do not muzzle an ox while it treads out grain.*** Is God really concerned about oxen?

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1 Corinthians 9:10-12 (CSB)

¹⁰ Isn't he really saying it for our sake? Yes, this is written for our sake, because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes should thresh in hope of sharing the crop.

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1 Corinthians 9:10-12 (CSB)

¹¹ If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it too much if we reap material benefits from you?

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1 Corinthians 9:10-12 (CSB)

¹² If others have this right to receive benefits from you, don't we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right; instead, we endure everything so that we will not hinder the gospel of Christ.

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A minister who flaunts their extreme wealth hinders the gospel of Christ.

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1 Corinthians 9:13-14 (CSB)

¹³ Don't you know that those who perform the temple services eat the food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the offerings of the altar?

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1 Corinthians 9:13-14 (CSB)

¹⁴ In the same way, **the Lord has commanded** that those who preach the gospel should earn their living by the gospel.

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1 Corinthians 9:15-16 (CSB)

¹⁵ For my part I have used none of these rights, nor have I written these things that they may be applied in my case. For it would be better for me to die than for anyone to deprive me of my boast!

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1 Corinthians 9:15-16 (CSB)

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason to boast, because I am compelled to preach—and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

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“The only man who is called to preach is the man who cannot do anything else, in the sense that he is not satisfied with anything else. This call to preach is so put upon him, and such pressure comes to bear upon him that he says, I can do nothing else, I must preach.”

~ Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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Jeremiah 20:8-9 (CSB)

⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I proclaim, "Violence and destruction!" so the word of the LORD has become my constant disgrace and derision.

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Jeremiah 20:8-9 (CSB)

⁹ I say, "I won't mention him or speak any longer in his name." ***But his message becomes a fire burning in my heart***, shut up in my bones. I become tired of holding it in, and I cannot prevail."

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1 Corinthians 9:17-18 (CSB)

¹⁷ For if I do this willingly, I have a reward, but if unwillingly, I am entrusted with a commission.

¹⁸ What then is my reward? To preach the gospel and offer it ***free of charge*** and not make full use of my rights in the gospel.

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Money, power, and position
must never be our motivation
to share the gospel.

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The second we are saved
our identity is changed.

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1 Corinthians 9:22 (CSB)

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1 Corinthians 9:23 (CSB)

Now I do all this *because of the gospel*, so that I may *share in the blessings*.

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1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (CSB)

²⁴ Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize.

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1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (CSB)

²⁵ Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a **perishable crown**, but we an **imperishable crown**.

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Philippians 4:1 (CSB)

So then, my dearly loved and longed for **brothers and sisters**, my joy and **crown**, in this manner stand firm in the Lord, dear friends.

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2 Thessalonians 2:19 (CSB)

For who is our hope or joy or **crown** of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus at his coming? **Is it not you?**

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1 Corinthians 9:23 (CSB)

Now I do all this *because of the gospel*, so that I may *share in the blessings*.

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We should find joy in other's enjoyment of Christ.

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1 Corinthians 9:26 (CSB)

So I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air.

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1 Corinthians 9:27 (CSB)

Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.
