

Moving the Needle:

Toward A Younger Generation of Christ Followers

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- I. Paul served everyone possible (vv. 19-23).
 - A. Service requires us to surrender our rights (v. 19).
 1. Paul gave up his right to financial support from the church (v. 19a).
 2. Serving Christ requires that we surrender our entitlements (Jn. 12:24-26).
 - B. Service aims to win more (v. 19b).
 1. Paul's objective was to win more (v. 19b).
 2. God wants us to play for all the marbles (Jn. 3:16; Matt. 18:10-14)!
 - C. Service means catering to the preferences and desires of the people we want to reach (vv. 20-23).
 1. Paul catered to Jews (v. 20a).
 2. Paul catered to Legalists (v. 20b).
 3. Paul catered to Gentiles (v. 21).
 4. Paul catered to the Weak (v. 22a).
 5. Paul catered in every possible way (v. 22b-23).
 - a. Paul desired to save as many people as possible (v. 22b).
 - b. Paul desired to share in the greatest blessing possible (v. 23).
 6. God wants us to cater to the preferences and desires of others (Phil. 2:4).
- II. Let's serve *everyone possible*.
 - A. By giving up our entitlements.
 - B. By dreaming for *more*.
 - C. By catering to the preferences and desires of those who are not here yet.