



## **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP**

### **1 Corinthians 9:1-14**

#### **INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

#### **LAYING ASIDE RIGHTS (9:1-14)**

#### **PAUL PROVES HIS AUTHENTICITY – 9:1-3**

#### **The Mark Of Apostleship – v. 1**

Acts 9:1–19 ; Acts 18:9-10; Acts 22:17-21

#### **The Signs Of The Apostle – 2 Cor 12:12**

#### **Seal Of The Apostle – v. 2**

“*examine*” (*anakrinō*) was a legal term for the investigation or inquiry made before a decision was reached in a case.

#### **An Authentic Worker/Server Of Jesus Christ**

- Experience of Jesus Christ – FAITH
- Fruitful Work For Christ - FRUIT

#### ***Remember...***

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## **PAUL MAINTAINS HIS LIBERTY (9:4–6)**

Paul's rights include:

- The right of hospitality (9:4): Paul has earned the right to be entertained by other believers.
- The right to travel with his family (9:5–6)
- The right to enjoy financial support (9:7–12a, 13–14)  
1 Timothy 5:17

## **DEFENDS HIS ENTITLEMENT (9:7–14)**

- **Warfare**

A soldier is paid for his services (9:7a)

- **Farming**

A vinedresser eats the grapes he harvests (9:7b)

- **Shepherding**

A shepherd drinks from the milk of his flock (9:7c)

- **Law**

Not human authority, but the law (9:8)

*“endure” (stegō) - “to bear or to pass over in silence”*

- **Precedent**

Others shared the rights (9:12)

- **Priesthood**

A priest partakes from sacrifices he offers (9:13)

- **Lord Himself**

He concludes the same way the Lord did (9:14)

Matt 10:10; Luke 10:7

### **Points To Consider:**

- we should support our Christians workers.
- we need to realize our freedom in Christ may hinder the gospel at times.
- lost souls are more important than our rights!
- we need to cultivate our love for others that motivates us to place their need for the gospel above our rights.