

*Paul's Epistle of*

# 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS

## Chapter 9



# Outline

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A. Problem of Factionalism (1:10 – 3:23)

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D. Taking Problems between Brethren to Civil Courts (6:1-11)

E. Responsibility to Glorify God with the Body (6:12-20)

### **III. Dealing with Questions Asked by the Corinthians (7:1 – 16:9)**

A. “Now Concerning” – Marriage and Present Distress  
(7:1-40)

B. “Now Concerning” – Idolatry and Personal Liberty  
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C. “Now... Remember Me” and Apostolic Tradition

1. Submission and Customs (11:2-16)

2. Pattern for Lord’s Supper (11:17-34)

D. “Now Concerning” – Spiritual Gifts (12:1 – 14:40)

E. “Now...” Concerning – The Resurrection (15:1-58)

F. “Now Concerning” – The Collection (16:1-9)

### **IV. Concluding Remarks (16:10-24)**

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## I. **Paul's Apostleship and Liberty (vv. 1-14)**

### A. **Paul's Apostleship Stated and Confirmed (vv. 1-2)**

- a. Based on being an eyewitness of Jesus. **(v. 1a)**
- b. Based on his work among the Corinthians. **(v. 1b-2)**

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### A. Paul's Apostleship Stated and Confirmed (vv. 1-2)

### B. Paul's Defense of His Liberty to Receive Financial Support (vv. 3-14)

a. The right to eat and drink. (v. 4)

b. The right to take along a believing wife. (v. 5)

c. The right to receive financial support in gospel labor – everyday examples (vv. 6-7)

i. Example of the soldier, planter, shepherd.

d. The right to receive financial support in gospel labor – examples in the Law (vv. 8-14)

i. Example of the ox. (vv. 8-11)

1. Stated for our sakes – plows in hope, threshes in hope, partake of hope. (v. 10)

2. Sow spiritual things, reap material things. (v. 11)

3. Example of others. (v. 12a)

ii. Paul has not exercised right to avoid hindering the gospel. (v. 12b)

iii. Example of the Levites and priests. (v. 13)

1. Application for those who preach the gospel. (v. 14)

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- II. **Paul's Example of Restraint in Liberties for the Sake of Others and Himself (vv. 15-27)**
  - A. **Paul's Choice to Forgo His Liberty of Support in Preaching (vv. 15-18)**
    - a. His defense has not been to solicit support, lest his boasting be made void. **(v. 15)**
    - b. Paul's preaching is void of boasting due to necessity. **(v. 16)**
      - i. Preach willingly = reward. **(v. 17a)**
      - ii. Preach against my will = stewardship. **(v. 17b)**
    - c. Paul's reward – preach without charge, avoid abusing authority. **(v. 18)**
  - B. **Paul's Restraint for the Sake of Others (vv. 19-22)**
    - a. Despite freedom he has made himself a servant to all to win the more. **(v. 19)**
    - b. To the Jews – those under the law. **(v. 20)**
    - c. To the Gentiles – those without law. **(v. 21)**
    - d. To the weak. **(v. 22a)**
    - e. To all men. **(v. 22b)**

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  - C. **Paul's Restraint for the Sake of Himself (vv. 23-27)**
    - a. His behavior is for the success of the gospel, and his salvation. **(v. 23)**
    - b. Illustration of running a race. **(vv. 24-26a)**
      - i. Run to obtain the prize. **(v. 24)**
      - ii. Exercise temperance. **(v. 25a)**
      - iii. Contrast in application – perishable crown vs. imperishable crown. **(v. 25b)**
      - iv. Run with certainty. **(v. 26a)**
    - c. Illustration of boxing. **(vv. 26b-27)**
      - i. Fight, not as one who beats the air. **(v. 26b)**
      - ii. He disciplines his body, subjugates it, lest he become disqualified. **(v. 27)**