

## 1 CORINTHIANS | REFUSING RIGHTS TO WIN MORE

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In 1 Corinthians 8, Paul defines a winning strategy for interacting with our brother or sister in Christ. We are to build them up in love even if that means we must lovingly limit our rights. In essence, we are our brother's keeper, so we do not want to cause him to stumble. In chapter nine, Paul shares a strategy for winning more people to Christ. He continues his conversation on rights and liberties. This subject directly affects Paul because he willingly refused his rights to avoid limiting his Gospel reach. Paul is being questioned and likely undermined and he takes time to defend his motives and behavior. As he does, we understand the rights of those who are called into ministry, and how the goal of reaching people with the Gospel is worth limiting our rights. How does Gospel-ministry intersect with our liberty?

1. Because Gospel-ministry is \_\_\_\_\_, it is the right of those who serve Christ to receive \_\_\_\_\_. 9:1-14
2. The servant of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ a servant if he chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ his right to be compensated. 9:15-18
3. If we do not \_\_\_\_\_ the message or our morals, we have the right and flexibility to do what is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ people with the Gospel. 9:19-24