

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

The _____ example of Paul

Having addressed the proper attitude toward _____ Christians about eating meat offered to idols, Paul now shares his own practice and thinking concerning his testimony in front of others, saved and unsaved. Paul ended his warning about exercising freedom if it had detrimental effects on a brother with a statement expressing his willingness to be a _____ if it would keep a brother from faltering in his faith (8:13).

- I. Paul's _____ of his apostleship and a minister of the Lord Vs 1-15
- A. Questions asked to _____ issues being discussed about Paul's authority as a preacher of the Gospel Vs 1-6
 - B. Affirmation concerning the " _____ " practice of apostleship Vs 7-11, 13-14
 1. God has laid out a plan for the _____ provision for his servants
 2. Those who preach the Gospel should be supported by _____ who benefit from the preaching of the Gospel Vs 14
 - C. Paul had chosen _____ to follow this practice Vs 12, 15
 1. Note: His non- _____ attitude and practice had caused some to question his apostleship and leadership. (He will address this more completely in future chapters.)
 2. He had _____ not to use this method of provision Vs 12, 15a
 3. He was not writing the Corinthian believers to prepare them to start supporting him _____ Vs 15b
 4. He was very determined concerning this matter Vs 15c
- II. Paul had been _____ by the Lord to preach the Gospel Vs 16-17
- A. Preaching the Gospel was a way of life for Paul Vs 16
 - B. Paul's motivation for his preaching was the "Call of God" on his life Vs 17
- III. Paul described the _____ he received from preaching the Gospel "free of charge" Vs 18
- A. He enjoyed preaching the Gospel expecting nothing in return from _____ to whom he preached Vs 18a
 - B. This was payment enough and therefore he did not mind _____ to support himself Vs 18b
- IV. Paul enjoyed the freedom to be whomever he _____ to be to reach others with the Gospel Vs 19-22
- A. Paul's _____ was to those whom he was attempting to reach with the Gospel
 - B. Paul never expected the _____ to conform to who he was
 - C. Paul was not _____ by a certain set of man-made expectations, but was at _____ to be whom God had called him to be
- V. Paul was _____ flying-by-the-seat-of-his-pants Vs 23-27
- A. Paul had one _____ in mind-preaching the Gospel Vs 23
 - B. Paul was not afraid to use _____ methods to reach the lost Vs 24-26
 - C. Paul's methods Vs 27
 1. Were _____ and _____ Vs 27a
 2. Were for _____ the Gospel Vs 27b

3. Were to keep him from becoming someone who was not _____ to reach others.
- a. _____ others to be like himself
 - b. Unwilling to _____ practices and traditions that have lost touch with reality
 - c. Trying to reach the lost, but using practices that are _____ to the recipients
 - d. Cf. IV above for a Biblical approach to reaching others