

The Rights Paul Forewent
1 Corinthians 9:1-12
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1. Paul's apostleship (1-2)

2. Paul's rights as an apostle (3-12a)

3. Paul's example of foregoing rights for the sake of others (12b)

Next week: 1 Corinthians 9:12-18

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Verse 9 spoke of a right that the Corinthians thought they had. What was that?
3. What does it mean that Paul was an apostle?
4. What rights did he have as an apostle?
5. Why didn't Paul use these rights?
6. Are there times when, for the sake of other people, we should not use our rights? Can you think of a time when you or a member of your family chose not to use a right for the sake of others?
7. How is Jesus Christ an example of what this passage teaches us to do?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Are there apostles today? Explain. Base your response on Scripture.
3. As an apostle, Paul had a right to get his living by the gospel (verse 14) rather than getting his living by working a trade (verse 6). What is the basis of this right?
4. What are some situations today when a Christian should forego the use of his rights? Think of how we might need to forego our rights for the sake of the gospel, or for the sake of weaker brothers.
5. How can this passage help you to forego your rights for the sake of others?
6. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?