

**“THE COST OF SPIRITUAL SUCCESS”**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-27**  
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**INTRO** Love limits liberty. (1 Corinthians 8:13)

**MESSAGE** To win the lost and to build believers, you may have to put love-limits on your freedom in Christ.

- ♦ Paul’s rights. (9:1-14)
  - ➔ The basis of Paul’s right of financial support. (1-2)
  - ➔ The proof of Paul’s right of financial support. (3-14)
    - \*1. the principle of custom. (3-7)
    - 2. the principle of just remuneration. (8-10)
    - 3. the principle of community reciprocity-rewarding beneficial service. (11)
    - 4. the precedent of other Christian leaders. (12)
    - 5. the practice of the priesthood – Nu. 18:8-32. (13)
    - 6. the instruction of Jesus – Luke 10:7. (14)
- ♦ Paul’s rights set aside. (9:15-23)
  - ➔ Paul’s motive in preaching the gospel of grace. (15-18)
    - 1. He enjoyed the integrity of his boast. (15-17)
    - 2. He enjoyed the results of his ministry. (18)
  - ➔ Paul’s motive in setting aside his right of financial support. (19-23)
    - 1. To win unsaved Jews to Jesus Christ. (19-20)
    - 2. To win unsaved Gentiles to Christ. (21)
    - 3. To win saved Corinthians (the weak) to a discipleship commitment to Christ. (22)
    - 4. To treasure up treasure in heaven and to reign with Christ in His future kingdom. (23)
- ♦ Paul’s “count” of the “cost” of setting aside his rights. (9:24-27)
  - ➔ The “prize” is worth the cost! (24)
  - ➔ The “imperishable wreath” is worth the cost! (25)
  - ➔ The desire to remain “qualified” is worth the cost! (26-27)

\*See the *Bible Knowledge Commentary* for these points.