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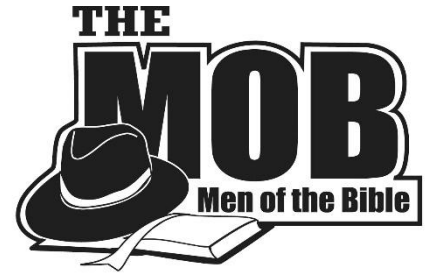
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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Announcements



- **Easter Concerts 11, 12, & 13 April**
- **CREDO conference 1-2 May**

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MAY 1-2, 2025

SPEAKERS:

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GAVIN ORTLUND	MICHAEL REEVES	FRED SANDERS
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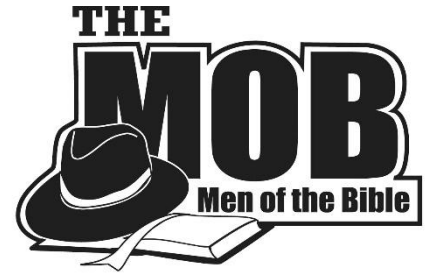
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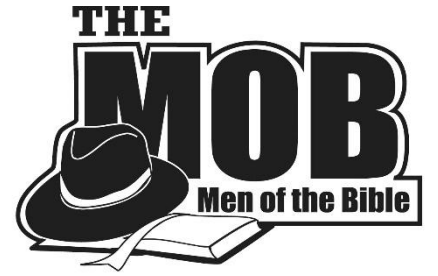


- Invocation/Prayer
- Hymn: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”



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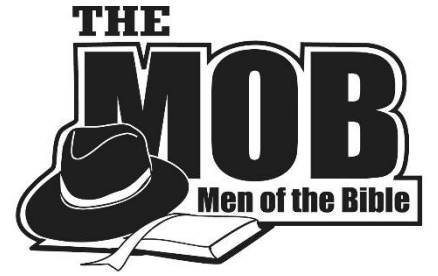
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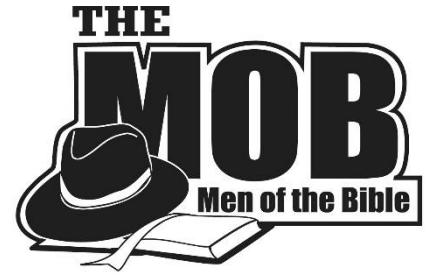
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1 Corinthians 9:16 (ESV)



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Our Study of 1 Corinthians



Last Meeting:

- 1 Corinthians 8 (Food Offered to Idols)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 8:9
- Refreshment Host: Group G

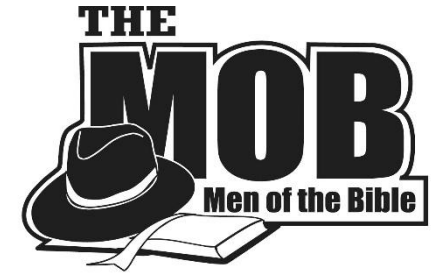
This Meeting:

- 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 (Paul Surrenders His Rights)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:16
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on 1 Corinthians, 2024 Edition, pp. 162-169; MacArthur New Testament Commentary, pp. 199-211*
- Refreshment Host: Yourself



1 Corinthians Outline

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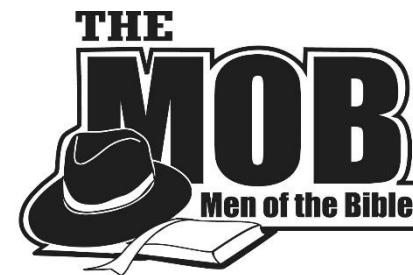
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	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24		
Topics	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church						Difficulties in the Church											
	Concern				Condemnation						Counsel											
Place	Written in Ephesus																					
Time	circa A.D. 56																					

We are here!



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1 Corinthians Schedule

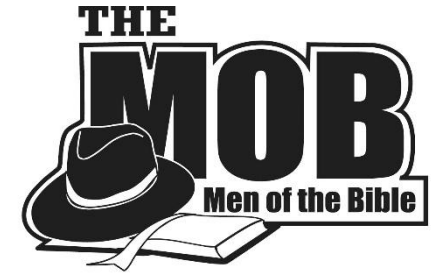
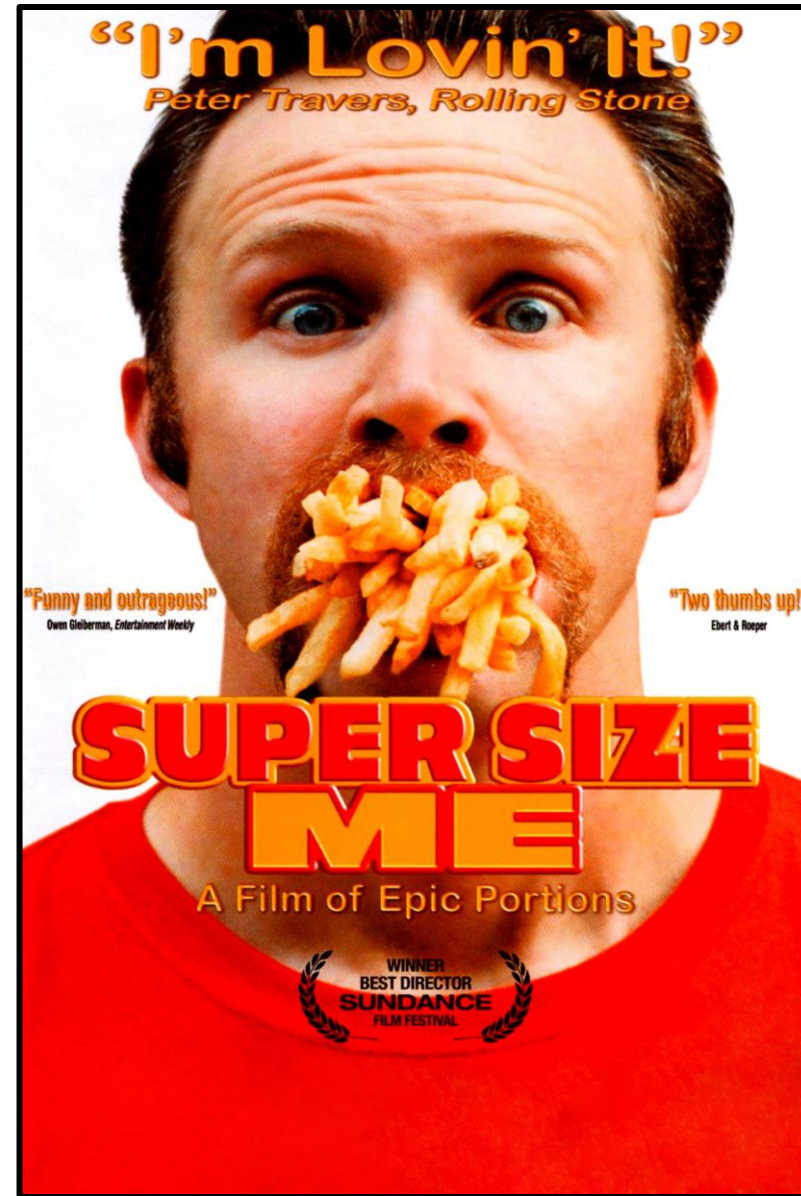


	24-Dec 31-Dec	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' BREAK				
16	7-Jan	9:1-18	162-169	199-211	9:16	H
17	14-Jan	9:19-27	169-174	211-216	9:22	A
18	21-Jan	10:1-13	174-182	217-230	10:13	B
19	28-Jan	10:14 - 11:1	182-192	231-249	10:31	C
20	4-Feb	11:2-16	193-209	251-263	11:3	D
21	11-Feb	11:17-34	209-225	265-275	11:28-29	E
22	18-Feb	12:1-11	225-240	277-307	12:4-6	F
23	25-Feb	12:12-31	240-253	309-326	12:26	G
24	4-Mar	13:1-13	253-266	327-367	13:2	H
25	11-Mar	14:1-12	266-273	369-376	14:1	A
26	18-Mar	14:13-25	273-280	376-384	14:22	B
27	25-Mar	14:26-40	280-291	384-395	14:40	C
28	1-Apr	15:1-19	291-302	397-414	15:3-4	D
29	8-Apr	15:20-34	302-310	415-430	15:21	E
EASTER BREAK						



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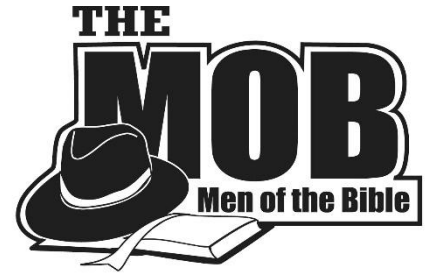
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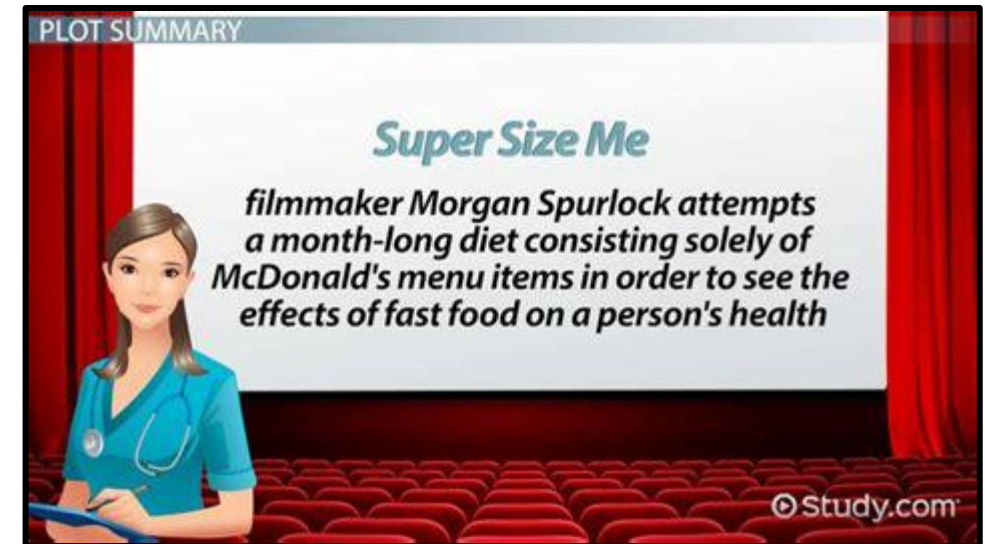


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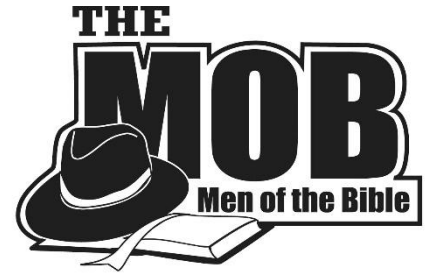
- 2004 documentary film by Morgan Spurlock
- Voluntarily consumed only McDonald's food, three full meals a day, for 30 days to see the impact on his health
- Had to eat at least one item from the entire menu, which he accomplished in 9 days
- Had to avoid eating any food beyond the McDonald's menu
- Had to agree to "Super Size" all meals when it was offered – which happened 9 times
- Had to walk what a typical American does daily, ~ 5,000 steps
- Had his health monitored by three doctors – a cardiologist, gastroenterologist, and general practitioner





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1 Corinthians 9:1-18 Overview



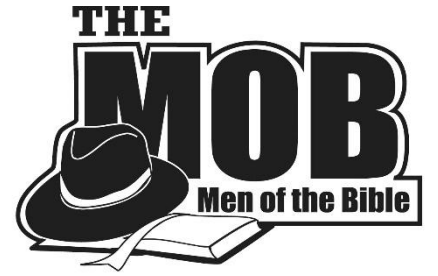
Apostolic Identity 9:1-2
Apostolic Rights 9:3-14
Apostolic Restraint 9:15-18

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1 Corinthians 9:1-18



“Subjecting our freedom for the welfare of other people is not something that any of us does naturally.” -

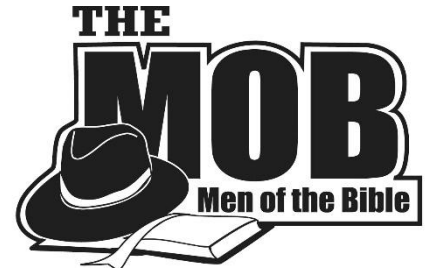
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“We have a responsibility to other folks to live lives that aren’t offensive to them.” - MacArthur



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1 Corinthians 9:1-18



1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 This is my defense to those who would examine me. 4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink? 5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? 6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? 7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

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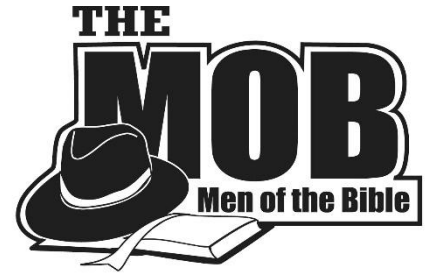
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15 But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. 16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.



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1 Corinthians 9:1-2 Identity



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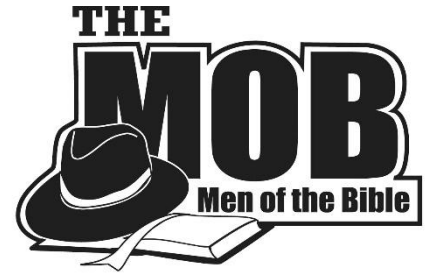
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- Addresses the ongoing challenges to his apostolic authority (1 Corinthians 1:1, 12; 4:1-5, 8-13, 14-21; 5:1-2)
- Asks a series of rhetorical questions
- Reminds them of his authority as an apostle, a “sent one”
- Corinthians were “... the seal that authenticated his apostleship.” - Constable



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1 Corinthians 9:3-7 Rights

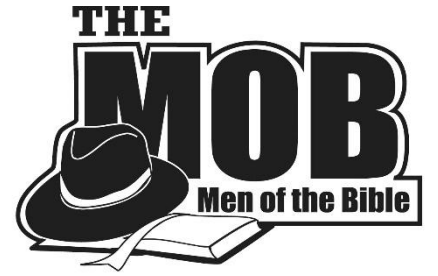


“Philosophers and wandering missionaries in the Greco-Roman world were ‘supported’ by four means: fees, patronage, begging, and working. Each of these had both proponents and detractors, who viewed rival forms as not worthy of philosophy.” - Gordon Fee



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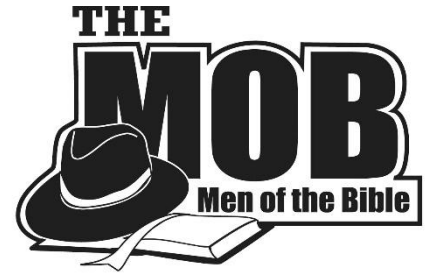
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- Defends himself against those who challenged his practice of forgoing his rights as an apostle
- Uses rhetorical questions “to force the Corinthians to recognize – they should already have known – that he possessed all the rights of an apostle.” - Constable
- Not referencing eating and drinking but stressing the “right to eat and drink” at the expense of others – Constable
- Three laborers - soldier, farmer, shepherd – normally paid for their work



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1 Corinthians 9:3-7 Rights

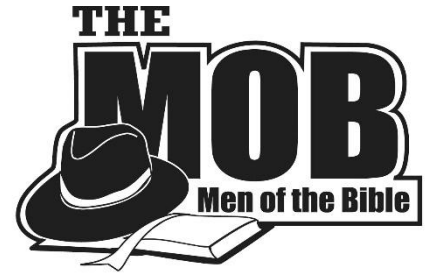


1 After this **the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place** where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, **“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.** 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 **Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals,** and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7 **And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages.** Do not go from house to house. 8 **Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.** 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. (Luke 10:1-12)



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1 Corinthians 9:3-7 Rights



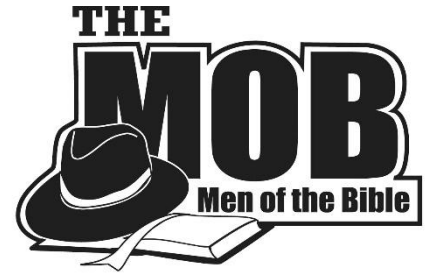
7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff— no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. (Mark 6:7-13)

“... the Lord Jesus himself did not expect his disciples to set up some shop in a new town in which they would practice a trade or sell goods for a profit; they were **workers in the kingdom of God, and such workers should expect that their work was valuable enough to warrant a wage.**” - Verlyn Verbrugge and Keith Krell



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1 Corinthians 9:3-7 Rights



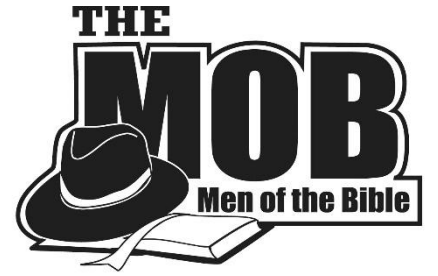
1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, **who provided for them out of their means.** (Luke 8:1-3)

40 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 **When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him,** and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. (Mark 15:40-41)



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1 Corinthians 9:3-7 Rights

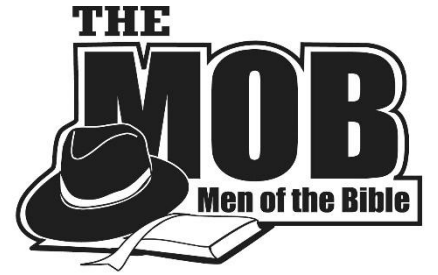


“Traveling full-time with Jesus would have prevented the disciples from earning money through their trade... it’s amazing that the Lord of the universe lowered himself to receive aid when he could have manufactured money on the spot.” – Les Bridgeman



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1 Corinthians 9:8-12 Rights



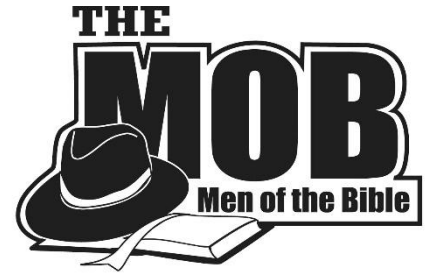
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- Compensating people for their labor is not just a good idea it’s BIBLICAL!
- Deuteronomy 25:1-4 addressed “the social and economic relationships among men” (MacArthur) – in verse four, the common practice of letting the oxen eat while treading grain – workers should be compensated for their labor
- “Spiritual things are intrinsically more important than material things. The former will last forever, whereas the latter are only temporary.” - Constable
- Bottom line: “Men should earn their living from their labor” - MacArthur



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1 Corinthians 9:8-12 Rights



1 **“If there is a dispute between men and they come into court** and the judges decide between them, acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty, 2 then if the guilty man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence with a number of stripes in proportion to his offense. 3 Forty stripes may be given him, but not more, lest, if one should go on to beat him with more stripes than these, your brother be degraded in your sight.

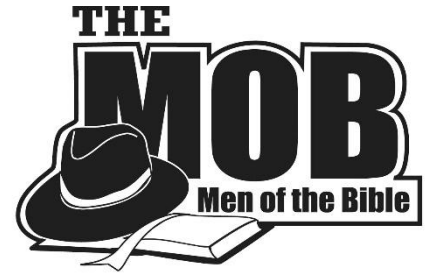
4**“ You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.** (Deuteronomy 25:1-4)

For the Scripture says, **“You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,”** and, **“The laborer deserves his wages.”** (1 Timothy 5:18)



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1 Corinthians 9:12-14 Rights



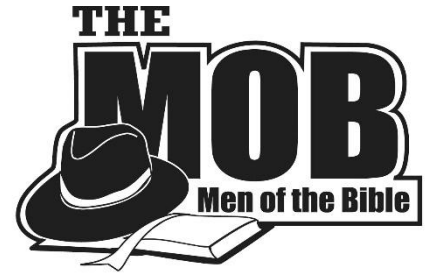
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- Freely relinquished his right to a salary
- Concerned a requestor to receive financial support might hinder the spread of the gospel
- Had the right to expect the Corinthian Church support him, but instead chose tentmaking
- Gentiles would have no concept of sacrificial giving or the OT history of Israel, thus without context or knowledge, wouldn't see the obligation before them and likely take a negative view of a request for money
- Requesting the nascent church support him likely would be terribly offensive to some



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1 Corinthians 9:15-18 Restraint

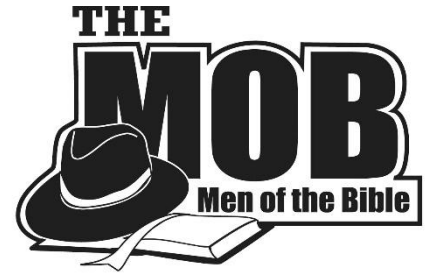


“May freedom be seen, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” - Reverend Peter Marshall



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1 Corinthians 9:15 Restraint



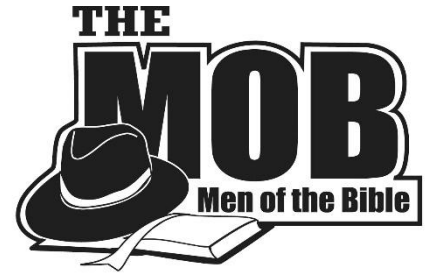
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- “Having argued vigorously for his right to the Corinthian’s material support, Paul now proceeded to argue just as strongly for his right to give up this right...” - Constable
- Paul’s policy was to not received financial support from those to whom he ministered (Acts 20:33-35, 1 Thessalonians 2:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:8)
- Not a prophet for hire, like Balaam (Numbers 22)
- “Paul did not preach the gospel for an ulterior motive...” – J. Vernon McGee
- Deep conviction meant that “He would rather have been dead than have anyone think he preached and taught for money.” – MacArthur



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1 Corinthians 9:16-18 Restraint



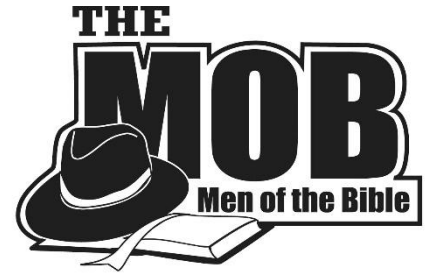
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- “... took justifiable pride in his decision, as anyone who makes a sacrifice for the welfare of others can... No one can take away my freedom to refuse payment for my services.” – Constable
- Compelled to proclaim the gospel (Romans 1:14) and called to do so (Romans 1:1, 1 Corinthians 1:1)
- “If Paul preached the gospel willingly, he would receive “a reward” (pay) from the Lord. If he preached unwillingly, he would not receive a reward, because he would only be doing his duty as a steward (manager of a household)” – Constable



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1 Corinthians 9:1-18 Summary



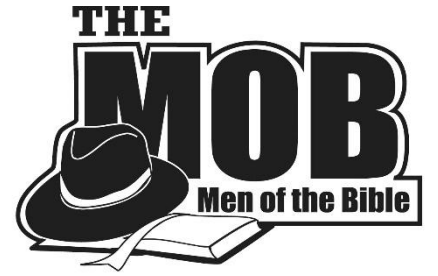
The apostle Paul:

- Limits his liberty for the sake of others
- Sacrifices, burns the midnight oil, to advance the gospel
- Joyfully obeys the command to make disciples



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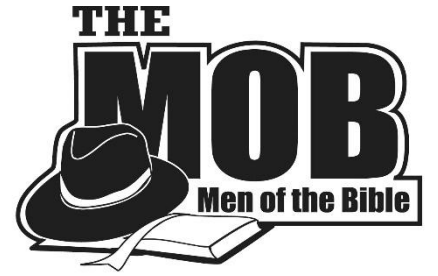
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1. What would you define the title 'apostle?' What are the qualifications of an apostle? (1 Corinthians 9:1, Acts 9:15, Acts 2:43, 2 Corinthians 12:12) What were Paul's qualifications? (Acts 9:9, Acts 22:1-22, Acts 26:23) Is God calling men to serve as apostles today? (Ephesians 4:11-12)
 2. Was Matthias or Paul the twelfth apostle to replace Judas? (Proverbs 16:33; Acts 1:20-26; 1 Corinthians 15:8-9; Galatians 1:1, 2:6-9; Revelation 21:14)
 3. What was the bottom line of our last study of 1 Corinthians 8? (1 Corinthians 8:9) Why are we so keen on maintaining our rights and reserved when considering the rights of others?
 4. How does the exercise of personal rights impact the weak and vulnerable in society?
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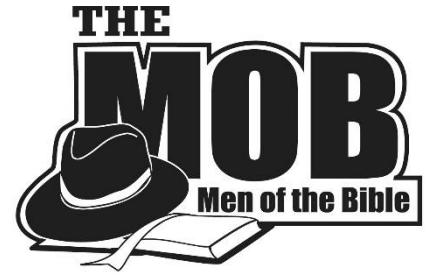


5. What point is Paul trying to make in verses 7-14?
 6. What right(s) does Paul willingly forego to not hinder the gospel of Christ? What sacrifices does he make to ensure the gospel is freely given and shared?
 7. What sacrifices do you make, or could you make, to advance the gospel?
 8. What right might God be asking you to forego?
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Our Study of 1 Corinthians



This Meeting:

- 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 (Paul Surrenders His Rights)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:16
- Refreshment Host: Yourself

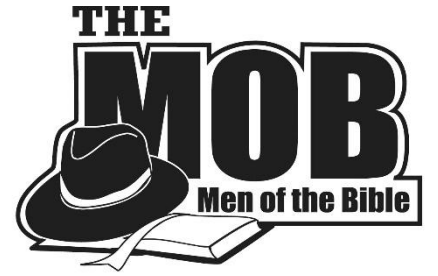
This Meeting:

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (Paul's Use of His Freedom and Need for Self-Discipline)
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22
- *Dr. Constable's Notes on 1 Corinthians, 2024 Edition, pp. 169-174; MacArthur New Testament Commentary, pp. 211-216*
- Refreshment Host: Group H



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Closing



- **Prayer**
- **Small group discussion**