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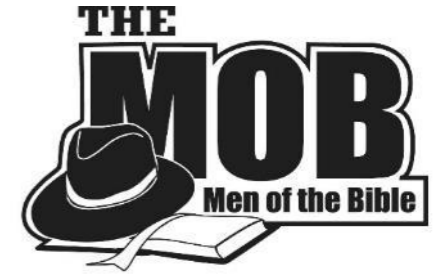
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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# Announcements



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

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**MAY 1-2, 2025**

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<b>GAVIN ORTLUND</b>	<b>MICHAEL REEVES</b>	<b>FRED SANDERS</b>
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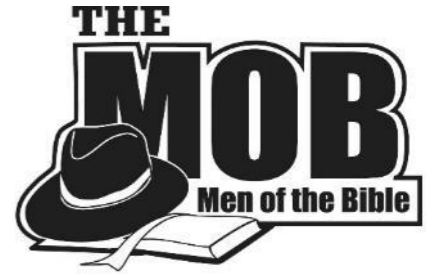
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# Please Rise



■ **Invocation/Prayer.**

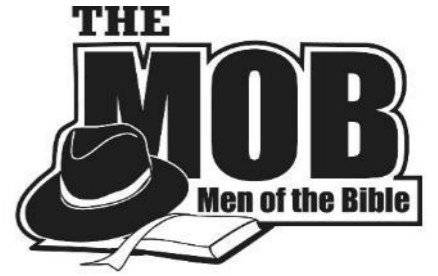
■ **Song:**

***“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”***



# My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

By Edward Mote, Verse 1 of 4

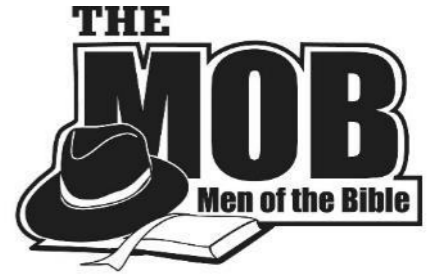


**My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness:  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

# My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

By Edward Mote, Verse 2 of 4



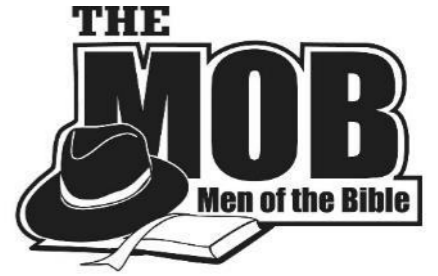
**When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**



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By Edward Mote, Verse 3 of 4

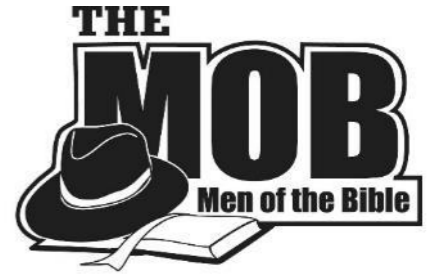


**His oath, His covenant, His blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

# My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

By Edward Mote, Verse 4 of 4



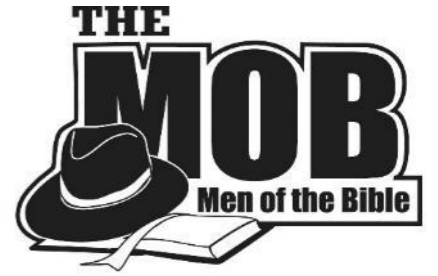
**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found:  
dressed in His righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**



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# Our Study of 1 Corinthians



## ■ Last Meeting:

- First Corinthians 9:1-18, "*Paul Surrenders His Rights*"
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:16
- *Reading: MacArthur pp. 199-211 or Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 162-169*

## ■ This Meeting:

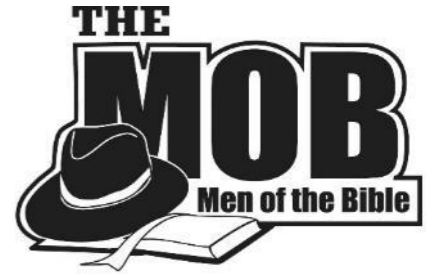
- First Corinthians 9:19-27, "*Paul Surrenders His Rights, cont*"
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22
- *Reading: MacArthur pp. 211-216 or Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 169-174*
  
- Refreshment Host: Group H





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# Memory Verse



## 1 Corinthians 9:22 (ESV)

*To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.*



# 1 Corinthians Outline

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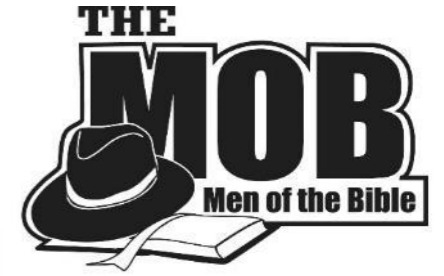


	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4									
<b>Divisions</b>	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers				Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	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		
<b>Topics</b>	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church						Difficulties in the Church											
	Concern				Condemnation						<u>Counsel</u>											
<b>Place</b>	Written in Ephesus																					
<b>Time</b>	circa A.D. 56																					



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# The Gateway of Corinth

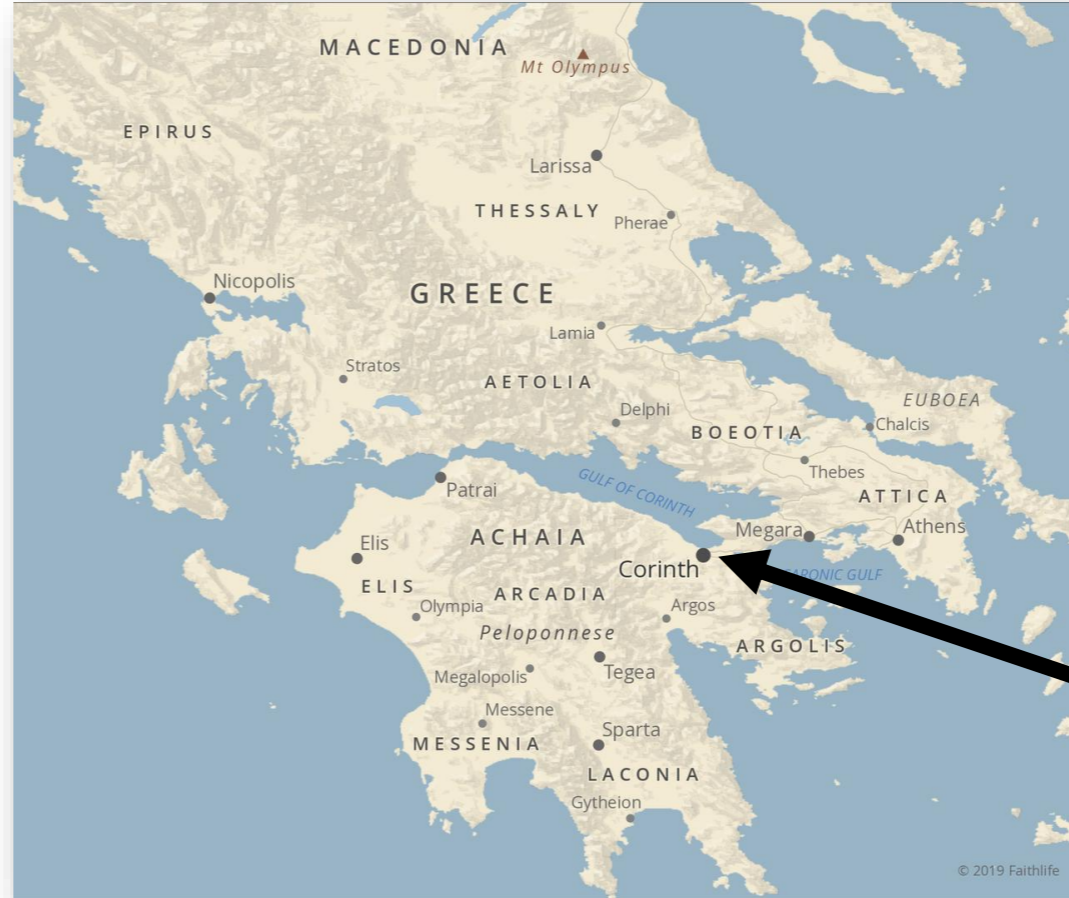


At the heart of sin is the  
ego, the “I.”

*MacArthur, 1 Corinthians*



Temple of Apollo, Corinth, © Logos Bible Software



**Corinth**

First-century Corinth was the leading commercial center of southern Greece. The city was infamous for its immorality and paganism.

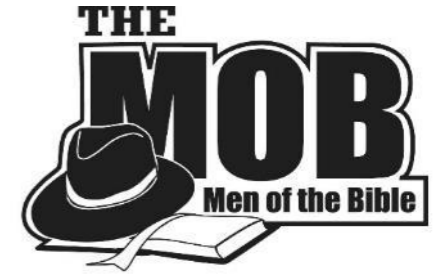
*Wilkinson and Boa, Talk Thru the Bible*



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# Paul's Instruction

*For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – 1:17*



**Grounded in Christology!**

Greeting  
Thanksgiving

## Standing

## Correction

Christ the Wisdom  
and Power of God (1)

**Divisions in the Church (1)**

"I follow Paul, or I follow Apollos..." v12

*But I appeal to you brothers 1:10*

Proclaiming Christ Crucified /  
Wisdom from the Spirit (2)

*But we have the mind of Christ 2:16*

**Divisions in the Church (3)**

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" v6

*For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building 3:10*

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 3:16*

Ministry of the Apostles (4)  
"servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" v1

**Sexual Immorality Defiles the Church (5)**

**Lawsuits against Believers (6)**

**Flee Sexual Immorality**

**Principles of Marriage**

**Live as You are Called (7)**

**The Unmarried and the Widow**

**Food Offered to Idols (8)**



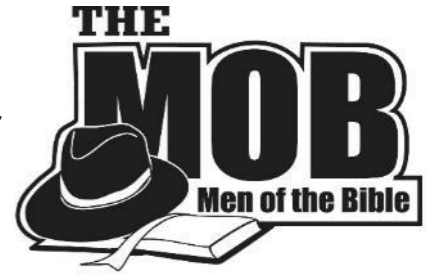
*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 6:19*

**Paul Surrenders His Rights  
(Chapter 9)**



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# Acts 26:17b-18 – Paul before Agrippa

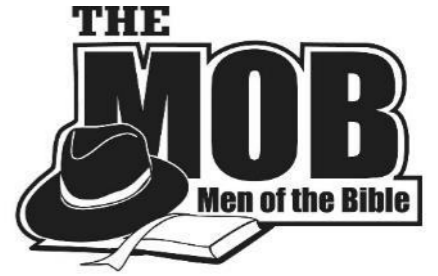


<sup>16</sup> But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup> delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'



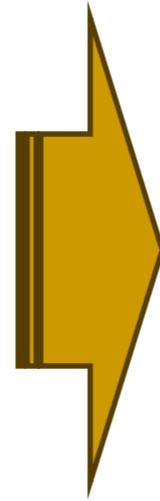
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# 1 Corinthians 9:1-18



## Constable's Outline

- Paul's apostolic identity
- Paul's apostolic rights
- Paul's apostolic restraint



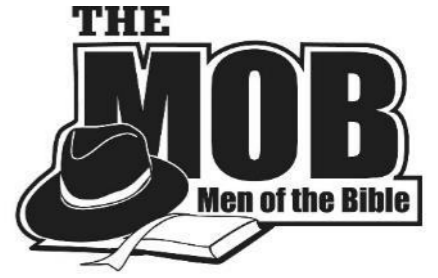
Limits liberty for others  
Sacrifices to advance gospel  
Joyfully makes disciples

*Very Much an Instructional, Counseling Tone*



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# 1 Corinthians 9:19-24



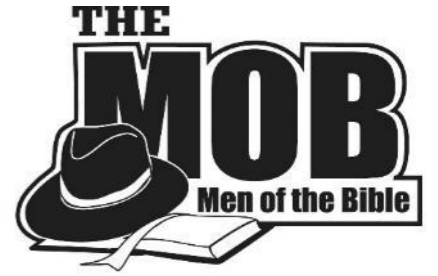
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<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.



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# 1 Corinthians 9:19-24



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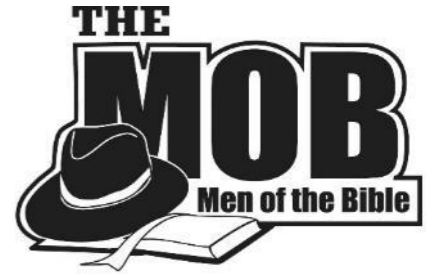
Purpose Clause: ἵνα - *hina* means “that, so that, in order to ...”





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# 1 Corinthians 9:19-23



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The extent to which the apostle was willing to lay aside his rights comes out in this pericope.

- Constable

Though free...*I enslaved myself to all*

- To the Jews...
- To those under the law...
- To those outside the law...
- To the weak...

I provided the widest possible hearing  
...that by all means I might save some

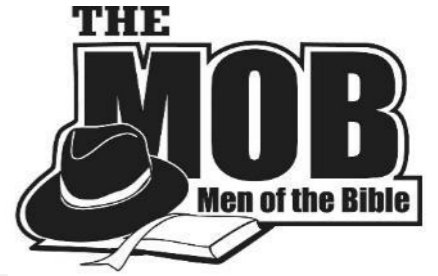


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# 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

<sup>24</sup> <sup>a</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives <sup>b</sup>the prize? <sup>c</sup>Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who <sup>a</sup>competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable <sup>b</sup>wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I <sup>a</sup>run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not <sup>b</sup>beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I <sup>1</sup>discipline <sup>a</sup>my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

NASB



Competition Analogy:  
Isthmus Games?

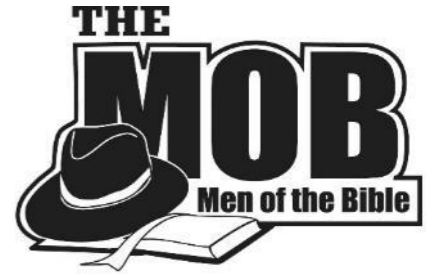
Competes = Fights, Struggles, Strives

*ESV: Every athlete exercises self-control in all things.*

- Running...*not without aim*
- Boxing...*not by beating the air*
- Enslaving my body (e.g. subjugating myself to preach the gospel) *to not be disqualified!*



# ἀγωνίζομαι - agōnizomai



## fight | 2 of 7

**Jn 18:36** Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been **fighting**, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

**1 Ti 6:12** **Fight** the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

## struggling | 2 of 7

**Col 1:29** For this I toil, **struggling** with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**Col 4:12** Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always **struggling** on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

## strive | 1 of 7

**Lk 13:24** “**Strive** to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

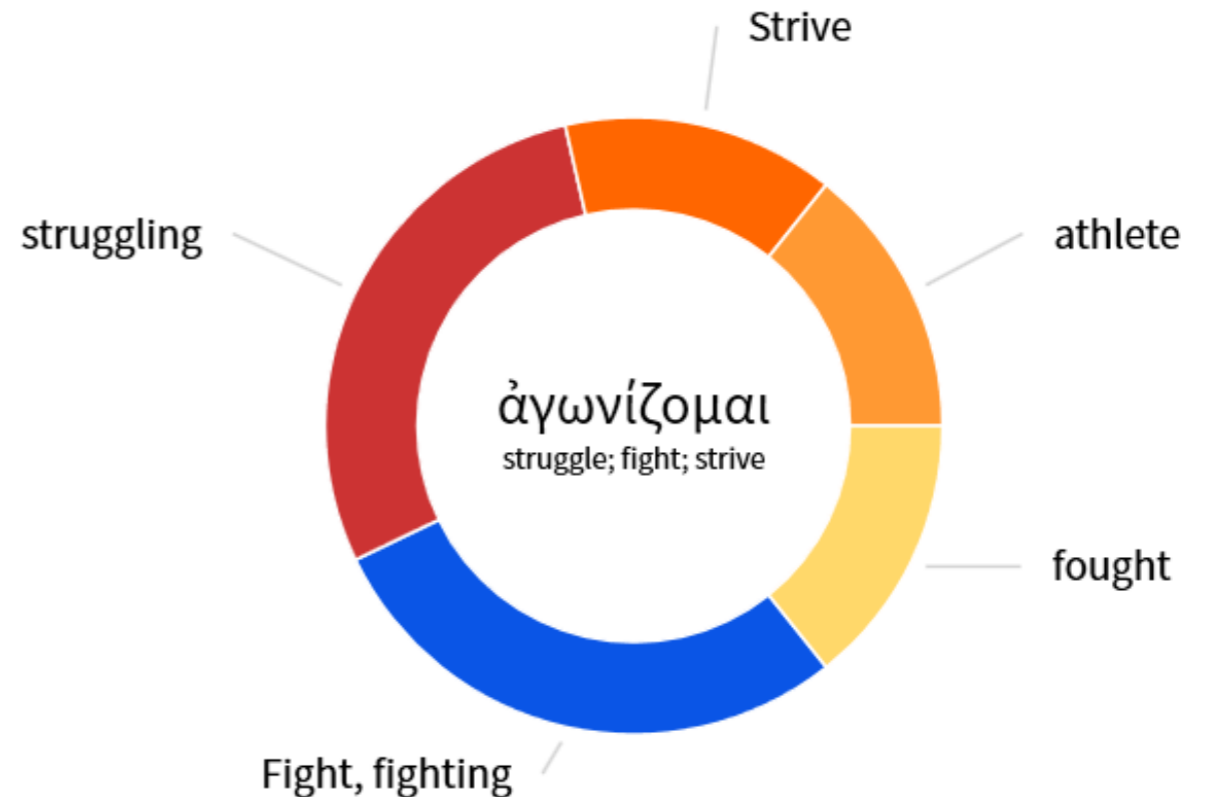
## athlete | 1 of 7

**1 Co 9:25** Every **athlete** exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

## fought | 1 of 7

**2 Ti 4:7** I have **fought** the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

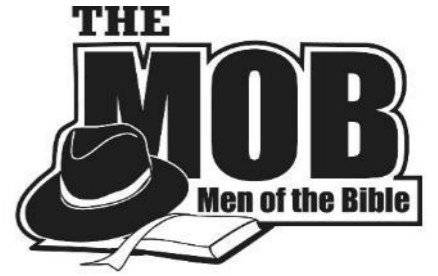
Everyone who competes in the games 9:25 (NASB)





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# Serving with Humble Faithfulness



The delight of sacrifice is that I lay down my life for my Friend, Jesus (see John 15:13). I don't throw my life away, but I willingly and deliberately lay it down for Him and His interests in other people. And I do this for no cause or purpose of my own. Paul spent his life for only one purpose—that he might win people to Jesus Christ. Paul always attracted people to his Lord, but never to himself. He said, “I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22).

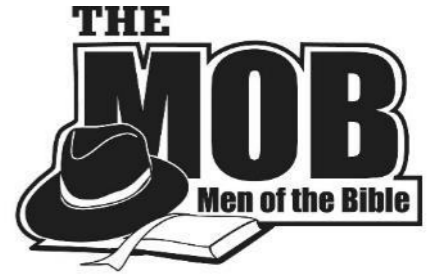
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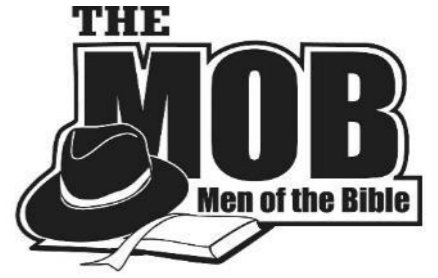
But if we are totally surrendered to Him, we have no goals of our own to serve. Paul said that he knew how to be a “doormat” without resenting it, because the motivation of his life was devotion to Jesus. We tend to be devoted, not to Jesus Christ, but to the things which allow us more spiritual freedom than total surrender to Him would allow. Freedom was not Paul’s motive at all.

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# Key Things to Consider

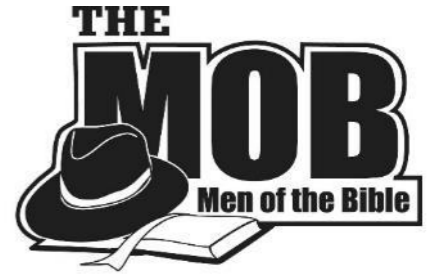


- The theme of standing and correction continues
  - Our standing in Christ frames all of Paul's instructions
  - Paul's authority (and liberty) justifies his actions
  - Paul's corrections are culturally framed and adjust in tone
- The antidote for ego is humility
  - Paul instruction uses culturally relevant examples and language  
*...so that by all means he may save some*
- What is our grade on reflecting humility for the gospel?



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# Discussion and Application

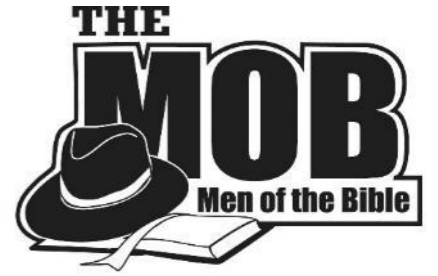


1. Discuss the layout of the first Corinthian letter and the tone of Paul's instruction. Do you think it is well organized for his audience?
2. Servant vs Slave are both culturally appropriate descriptions—which one do you resonate most with?
3. What does he mean when he says he was “willing to be all things to all men, so that he might by all means win some”?
4. Do you agree with Chambers that Paul knew how to be a “doormat” to serve God without resenting it? Why?
5. Look at other verses that use the term *agōnizomai* and discuss its use in 9:25. (see Lk 13:24; Jn 18:36; Col 1:29; Col 4:12; 1 Tim 6:16; 2 Tim 4:7)



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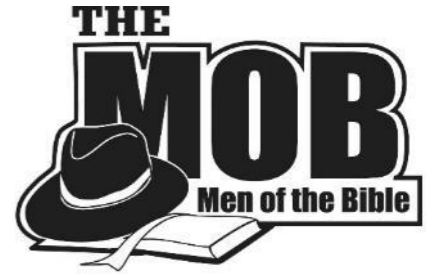
6. In what ways did Paul “become a Jew” or identify with the Jews, so that he might win them to Christ? How about in how he related to Gentiles?
7. How is being under the “law of God,” different from being under the “law of Christ”? (see Gal 6:2)
8. In what sense is the one who lives the Christian life like someone who runs a race in the Olympics, according to Paul?
9. How does Paul use the metaphor of a boxer to illustrate his ministry in sharing the gospel?
10. What strikes you most about this lesson, something that you will take with you?





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# Our Study of 1 Corinthians



## ■ This Meeting:

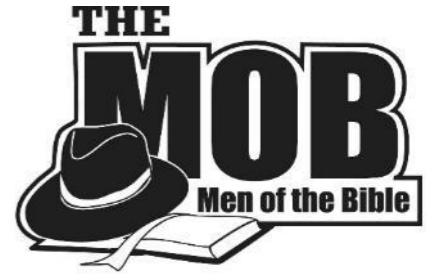
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- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22
- *Reading: MacArthur pp. 211-216 or Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 169-174*

## ■ Next Meeting:

- First Corinthians 10:1-13, "*Warning Against Idolatry*"
- Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13
- *Reading: MacArthur pp. 217-230 or Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 174-182*
  
- Refreshment Host: Group A



# 1 Corinthians MOB Schedule for Fall 2024 – Spring 2025



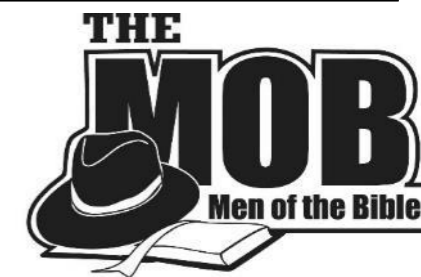
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	26-Nov	<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>				
13	3-Dec	7:17-24	137-141	169-175	7:22	E
14	10-Dec	7:25-40	141-149	177-186	7:38	F
15	17-Dec	8:1-13	149-162	187-197	8:9	G
	24-Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' BREAK</b>				
	31-Dec					
16	7-Jan	9:1-18	162-169	199-211	9:16	Remote
17	14-Jan	9:19-27	169-174	211-216	9:22	H
18	21-Jan	10:1-13	174-182	217-230	10:13	A
19	28-Jan	10:14 - 11:1	182-192	231-249	10:31	B



**BACKUP**



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20	4-Feb	11:2-16	193-209	251-263	11:3	C
21	11-Feb	11:17-34	209-225	265-275	11:28-29	D
22	18-Feb	12:1-11	225-240	277-307	12:4-6	E
23	25-Feb	12:12-31	240-253	309-326	12:26	F
24	4-Mar	13:1-13	253-266	327-367	13:2	G
25	11-Mar	14:1-12	266-273	369-376	14:1	H
26	18-Mar	14:13-25	273-280	376-384	14:22	A
27	25-Mar	14:26-40	280-291	384-395	14:40	B
28	1-Apr	15:1-19	291-302	397-414	15:3-4	C
29	8-Apr	15:20-34	302-310	415-430	15:21	D



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<b>EASTER BREAK</b>						
30	22-Apr	15:35-45	310-316	431-439	15:45	E
31	29-Apr	15:46-58	316-324	439-448	15:58	F
32	6-May	16:1-12	325-322	449-469	16:2	G
33	13-May	16:13-24	322-337	471-488	16:13-14	H
34	20-May	1:1 - 16:24	1-337	1-488		A
	27-May	<b>MAKE-UP SESSION IF NEEDED</b>				



It is therefore perhaps not surprising to find Paul using the language of athletic competitions as well to describe the rigors of discipleship or the endurance required in his missionary work.

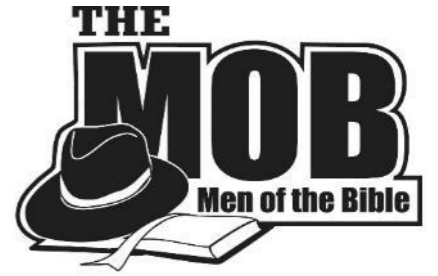


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# 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

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<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.



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<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; <sup>21</sup> to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.