

When Rights are Left

A Survey of 1 Corinthians 9

God multiplies our joy if we know when rights should be left!

Liberating Commitments:

1. I will not be _____ by my rights.

- _____ your rights.

Paul's Rights:

Paul's Response:

Apply: Beware of the bondage of _____!

- Trying to _____ a debt that is personally _____
BUT God offers _____.

- Trying to _____ God's favor through _____.

Solution? *Realize* the _____ of God and His _____.

- **Be prepared to _____ your rights.**

2. I will _____ my rights before I will _____ my ministry.

- Freedom of service often requires _____.
- Authority increases _____ not _____.

3. I will not be enslaved by _____
but I will pursue _____ in everything.

- Legalistic slavery is _____.
- Volunteer subjection is _____.
- The reward of submission is _____.

cf. 1 Peter 5:2, Hebrews 13:17


Our eternal reward: "..._____...in _____ of many things, enter into the joy..."


4. I will become a slave to those I wish to _____.

- Ministry *style* is dictated not by _____ preference but by _____ preference.
- Everything is subordinate to the _____ message.

Apply: Ministry perspective - Whose _____ direct my decisions in _____?

Challenge: The *Right Road* to misery or fulfillment.

 Focusing on my rights leads to _____ & _____.

 Focusing on _____ minimizes my rights and results in _____.

Homework:

Read 1 Corinthians 8-10. Study 9:24-27 using the devotional method.

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God multiplies our joy if we know when rights should be left!

Liberating Commitments:

1. I will not be ruled by my rights.

- **Recognize your rights.**

Paul's Rights:

Paul's Response:

Apply: Beware of the bondage of legalism!

- Trying to pay a debt that is personally unpayable
BUT God offers forgiveness.
- Trying to earn God's favor through misery.

Solution? *Realize* the grace of God and His good gifts.

- **Be prepared to release your rights.**

2. I will restrict my rights before I will constrict my ministry.

- Freedom of service often requires sacrifice.
- Authority increases responsibility not privilege.

3. I will not be enslaved by anything...

but I will pursue sacrificial service in everything.

- Legalistic slavery is unprofitable.
- Volunteer subjection is rewarding.
cf. 1 Peter 5:2, Hebrews 13:17
- The reward of submission is service.
Our eternal reward: "...slave...in charge of many things, enter into the joy..."

4. I will become a slave to those I wish to win.

- Ministry ***style*** is dictated not by personal preference but by cultural preference.
- Everything is subordinate to the gospel message.

Apply: Ministry perspective - Whose preferences direct my decisions in ministry?

Challenge: The *Right Road* to misery or fulfillment.



Focusing on my rights leads to misery & loneliness.



Focusing on serving minimizes my rights and results in fulfillment.

Homework:

Read 1 Corinthians 8-10. Study 9:24-27 using the devotional method.