

Questions on 1 Corinthians chapter 9

1. What is the answer to these rhetorical questions? How does this relate to the criticism of Paul by some at Corinth? Verse 1.

2. How were the Corinthians the “seal” of Paul’s apostleship? Verse 2.

3. Does the statement, “my defense is this,” refer to the previous statements or to those that follow? Verse 3.

4. What is clearly implied in this question? Verse 4.

5. What is Paul’s response to those who called in question his apostleship on the grounds that he had no wife and that he did not require support at Corinth? What does this verse do to the doctrine that demands celibacy for the “clergy”? Verse 5.

6. What are Paul’s three arguments to support the idea that he and Barnabas have a right to be maintained by the church? Verses 6-7.

7. How does Paul show that he was not merely relying on human judgment in claiming his right to support by the church? Verses 8-9.

8. Did God make this prohibition simply because he cared for oxen or is another principle also taught? If so, what is the principle? Verses 9-10.

9. What did Paul mean by “carnal things”? How was Paul supported at Corinth? Verses 11-12.

10. What two additional arguments did Paul make to show his right to support? Verse 13.

11. Can you think of a passage in the New Testament in which Jesus ordained supporting a gospel worker? Verse 14.

12. What was Paul’s glorying? Verse 15.

13. Why did Paul say “necessity is laid upon me” and “woe is me if I preach not the gospel”? Does Romans 1:14 enter into the answer? Verse 16.

14. What is the difference in doing something willingly or voluntarily and in what Paul was doing as a steward or a slave? Verse 17.

15. Since Paul clearly proved his right to support, why did he not use all of his liberties? Verse 18.

16. Why did Paul voluntarily make himself as servant to all? Verse 19.

17. Why did Paul accommodate himself to the customs and practices of those to whom he preached as much as he could without compromising the truth? Verse 20.

18. Can you think of a way that Paul may have accommodated those under the law although he was not under the law? Who are those without law? Under what law was Paul? Verse 21.

19. Does this passage imply that a weak Christian can once again become lost? Verse 22.

20. Paul says he practices self-denial for others but for whose sake does he also labor? Verse 23.

21. Is Paul saying only one can receive the Christian's reward or that we are to run as the victor of the race runs? Verse 24.

22. What is the difference in those who exercise self-control to prepare for races and those who do it for the spiritual life? Verse 25.

23. How does Paul intend to run the Christian race and fight the good fight of faith? Verse 26.

24. What does Paul do to avoid falling away and being lost after his preaching to others? Verse 27.