

46_1CO_09_01 Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

46_1CO_09_02 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

46_1CO_09_03 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

46_1CO_09_04 Have we not power to eat and to drink?

46_1CO_09_05 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and [as] the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

46_1CO_09_06 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

46_1CO_09_07 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

46_1CO_09_08 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

46_1CO_09_09 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

46_1CO_09_10 Or saith he [it] altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, [this] is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

46_1CO_09_11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, [is it] a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

46_1CO_09_12 If others be partakers of [this] power over you, [are] not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

46_1CO_09_13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live [of the things] of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

46_1CO_09_14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

46_1CO_09_15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for [it were] better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

46_1CO_09_16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

46_1CO_09_17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation [of the gospel] is committed unto me.

46_1CO_09_18 What is my reward then? [Verily] that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

46_1CO_09_19 For though I be free from all [men], yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

46_1CO_09_20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

46_1CO_09_21 To them that are without law, as without law, [being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,] that I might gain them that are without law.

46_1CO_09_22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all [men], that I might by all means save some.

46_1CO_09_23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with [you].

46_1CO_09_24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

46_1CO_09_25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they [do it] to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

46_1CO_09_26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

46_1CO_09_27 But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.