

1 Corinthians 9:12-27

One Point: Because we have infinite freedom in Christ, we forsake our every right!

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
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Read v. 12-18

1. What privileges do we cling to as believers? How does clinging to our privileges hinder the advancement of the Gospel? (2 Cor 6:3)
 2. Why do you think Paul says he is compelled to preach? How do we see the Gospel as our responsibility (like Paul saw it)?
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Read v. 19-23

1. (Verse 19) How does understanding your freedom in Christ help you give up your rights? (Gal 5:13)
 2. What rights do we need to give up to be a slave to everyone and spread the Gospel?
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Read v. 24-27

1. If you were honest with yourself, how are you "running the race" right now? How do you know if you are "running the race" well?
 2. What is the prize that Paul is talking about for us? (2 Tim 4:7-8)
 3. What can you do this week to live in the freedom that Christ has given you?
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What I will be talking about

Paul is explaining the implications of the freedom we have in Christ. In this particular chunk of verses, he defends the freedom he has to accept support for preaching the Gospel, but explains his convictions to renounce his right to support. He explains his stewardship in preaching the Gospel and discusses how he is faithful to his stewardship through becoming a servant to all. He states that he does this for the greater goal of sharing in the glories of the Gospel and encourages the Corinthians to work towards the same goal.