

An Example of Giving up Rights

1 Corinthians 9:1-12

(series #33)

Intro: the awkward situation Paul was in - 2 Cor. 12:11

- I. Paul's defense of his apostleship vv. 1-2**
 - A. He was free
 - B. He was an apostle
 - C. He had seen Christ - Acts 9
 - D. The Corinthians were his certification

- II. Paul's defense of his right to support vv. 3-11**
 - A. The pattern of the other spiritual leaders vv. 3-6
 - 1. Luke 10:7
 - 2. Galatians 6:6
 - 3. 1 Timothy 5:18
 - B. The pattern of life v. 7
 - C. The principle of Hebrew Scripture vv. 8-11
(Deuteronomy 25:4)

- III. Paul's example of waiving his rights v. 12**
 - A. They are not more important than our brothers
 - B. They are not more important than the gospel

Conclusion: Be careful, our system is based on rights!