

My Reward

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

I. Introduction

II. My Reward

1 Corinthians 9:1-2 (CSB)

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen
Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If
I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you,
because you are the seal of my apostleship in the
Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:3-7 (CSB)

3 My defense to those who examine me is this: 4
Don't we have the right to eat and drink? 5 Don't we
have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife
like the other apostles, the Lord's brothers, and
Cephas? 6 Or do only Barnabas and I have no right
to refrain from working? 7 Who serves as a soldier at

his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not drink the milk from the flock?

1 Corinthians 9:8-9 (CSB)

8 Am I saying this from a human perspective? Doesn't the law also say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, **Do not muzzle an ox while it treads out grain.** Is God really concerned about oxen?

1 Corinthians 9:10-11 (CSB)

10 Isn't he really saying it for our sake? Yes, this is written for our sake, because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes should thresh in hope of sharing the crop. 11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it too much if we reap material benefits from you?

1 Corinthians 9:12 (CSB)

12 If others have this right to receive benefits from you, don't we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right; instead, we endure everything so that we will not hinder the gospel of Christ.?

1 Corinthians 9:13-15 (CSB)

13 Don’t you know that those who perform the temple
services eat the food from the temple, and those who
serve at the altar share in the offerings of the altar? 14
In the same way, the Lord has commanded that
those who preach the gospel should earn their living
by the gospel. 15 For my part I have used none of
these rights, nor have I written these things that they
may be applied in my case. For it would be better for
me to die than for anyone to deprive me of my boast!

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 (CSB)

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason to
boast, because I am compelled to preach - and woe
to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this
willingly, I have a reward, but if unwillingly, I am
entrusted with a commission.

1 Corinthians 9:18 (CSB)

18 What then is my reward? To preach the gospel
and offer it free of charge and not make full use of my
rights in the gospel.

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