

1 Corinthians 9 • The Privileges of Leadership

1. (v.1-6) The ministry of the Gospel is more important to true ministers than even their unchallenged **right** to the most basic, personal **needs**.
2. (v.7) The ministry of the Gospel warrants at least the same, basic **support** that is expected in any endeavor – not an additional **benefit** above and beyond but neither an automatic **reduction** of same.
3. (v.8-11) The ministry of the Gospel may require basic, physical **support**, but its ministers do not expect to reap earthly **rewards** but look forward to greater, spiritual **results**.
4. (v.12-14) True ministers are more concerned for the ministry of the **Gospel** than even the basic **privileges** assigned for its proponents. Nothing is allowed – neither good nor evil – to **hinder** it in the slightest.
5. (v.15-18) True ministers do not look upon their responsibilities as **burdens** but instead view them as **blessings**, seeking any way possible to both **bless** and be **blessed**.
6. (v.19a) True ministers want no master except **Christ** alone.
7. (v.19b-23) True ministers of the Gospel sacrifice their own **privileges** in order to win the **lost**.
8. (v.24-27) True ministers of the Gospel are living, visible **examples** of the Gospel, not merely **messengers**. Spiritually they are examples of discipline and self-control where God's **Word and ways** are concerned, a personal **testimony** of the working of the Gospel.