

### Keeping the good news (gospel of Jesus) accessible to anyone

1 Corinthians 9:12b On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

2 Corinthians 6:3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.

1 Corinthians 8:9 Be careful, however, that your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

Titus 2:10b-11 ...so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

Acts 15:19 "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for [those] who are turning to God....

### The Joy of Sharing in God's Work

1 Corinthians 9:23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

Colossians 1:28-29 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

### Reward for labor

1 Corinthians 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

1 Corinthians 3:8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.

Philemon 1:6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

# My Work in the Lord: Sharing what I have been given

## 1 Corinthians 9

1 Corinthians 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?

Religion:

Works → Acceptance

The things I do (and the way I look) determine my acceptance.

Relationship with God through Jesus:

Acceptance → Work

Through faith in Christ I am **given** complete acceptance from God.

My connection to God allows and empowers me to be a part of God's work