

Rights, Privileges, Sacrifices

Sunday, September 24th, 2017

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

Growth Group Fill in the Blank Worksheet

(Fill out during the Sermon)

1. Insight: This Greek culture, (Corinth) looked down its nose on all manual labor. Thus, Corinthian Christians seemed to think *less* of Paul because he worked with his own hands to support himself. But this did not embarrass Paul at all. Instead, he will _____ about it!
2. In Paul's day, there were a lot of religious entrepreneurs, who were out to preach any message to get money. Paul was happy to distance himself from these by never taking an offering so no one would think he might _____ [his] authority in the gospel. This was Paul's _____.
3. "Paul sought to win people to Jesus Christ by being sensitive to their needs and _____ with them. We should try to reach people where they are today and expect to see changes later." (Smith)
4. Think about how hard we work for temporal things! Shouldn't we work even harder for the _____?

Notes: _____

Growth Group Worksheet

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Have you ever received reward or recognition for something that you really shouldn't have? How did it make you feel?
- 2.) Have you ever been overlooked when you felt you should have received recognition? How did it make you feel?
- 3.) What does this chapter tell you about pastors or evangelists getting paid for their labor?
- 4.) What was Paul's philosophy about receiving pay or support for his ministry?
- 5.) Is there anything confusing or unclear in this teaching that you have questions about? Discuss.
- 6.) Is there an action or attitude that you feel God wants to change in your life because of this teaching?