

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Faithfully Serving the Gospel Ministry

How do we, as a church, faithfully serve the gospel ministry?

Principle #1: _____ who you are in Christ (v.1-7).

- Paul was confident in who he was in Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:1a (CSB): Paul, called as an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will.

Principle #2: _____ the way (v.8-12).

- The church of Ephesus is a prime example (Revelation 2:1-7). They were active, serving, busy...yet they forgot their first love. Our primary concern is our relationship with God.
- How to clear the way...
 - Worship throughout the week. Cooperate worship is strengthened by the individual members seeking the Lord throughout the week.
 - Encourage others to fulfill their calls. Building one another up is important.

Principle #3: _____ the gospel (v.13-18).

- Why was Paul compelled to preach the gospel? Jesus is our only hope of redemption. There is a day coming when all people past, present and future will stand before God.

Principle #4: Going the extra _____ (v.19-23).

- Are we willing to set aside personal preferences to make sure other people know Christ? Are we willing to set aside personal preferences to make sure other people grow in their faith?

Principle #5: _____ the right race (v.24-27).

- Could you imagine entering a race and running the wrong route? And then expecting you should receive the grand prize?