The Royal Route to Heaven

1 Corinthians Chapter 9

In Chapter 8 Paul explained the importance of walking in the law of love over the law of liberty. Now, remembering there were no chapter breaks in the original letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9 continues this thought with his personal example of walking out this principle of self-sacrifice and considers the true motivation that should be behind the preaching of the gospel.

Pray that this study will challenge and encourage you in your walk and in your motives as you run this race we call the Royal Route.

Key Word(s)

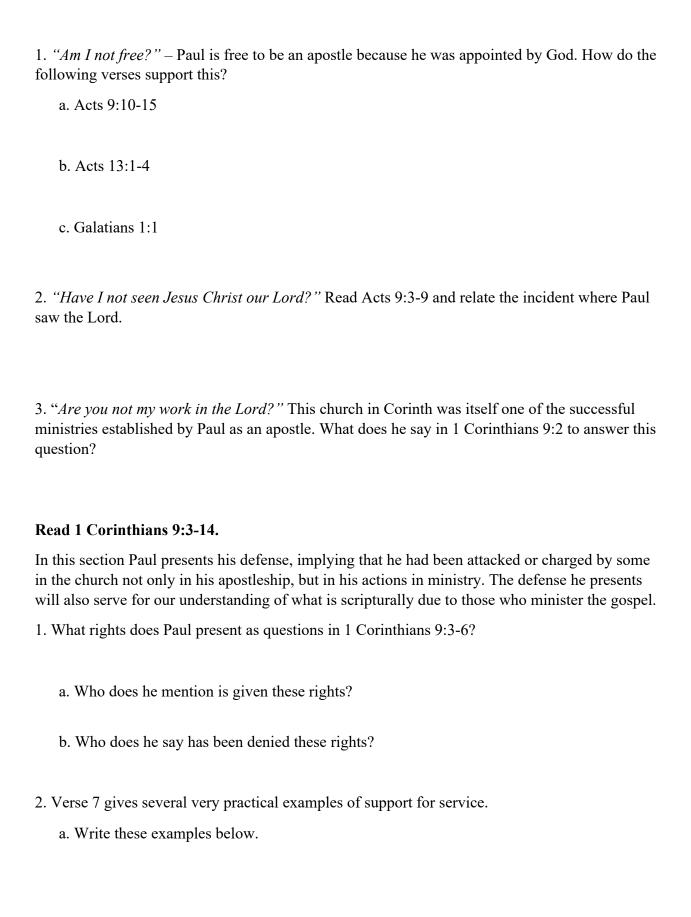
Read through the entire chapter, looking for words or themes that are repeated. You might want to underline them in your Bible.

- 1. In the first few verses a word we find that is used several times is "apostle".
 - a. How many times did you find this word?
 - b. Write a definition below.
- 2. A word found more often in this chapter than any other in 1 Corinthians is "gospel".
 - a. How many times did you find this word?
 - b. Write a definition below.
- 3. Make note of any other words that are repeated or that you feel are significant here and include a definition.

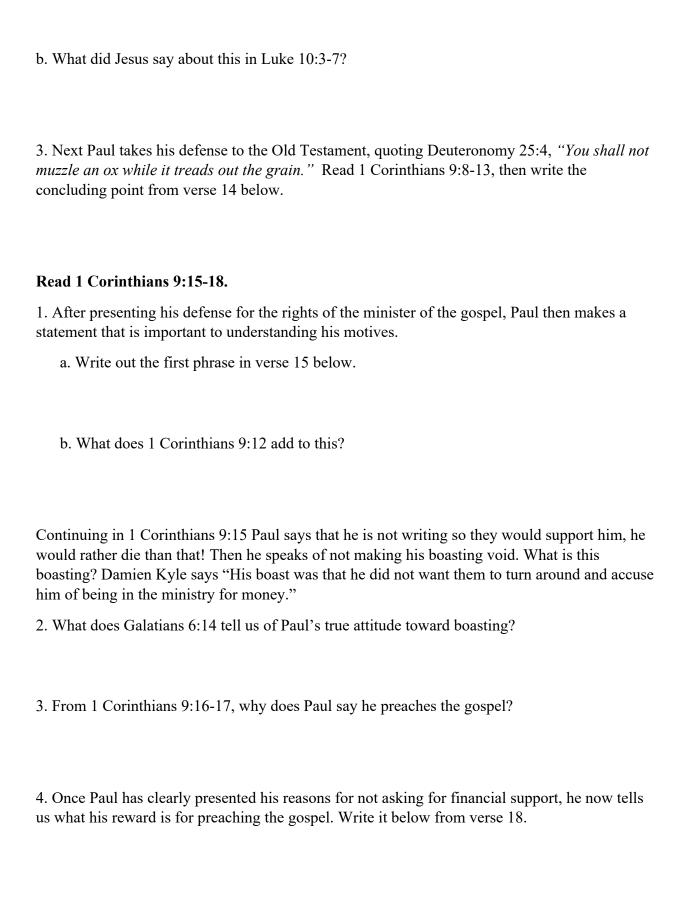
Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-2.

Chapter 9 begins with four questions. The first, "Am I not an apostle?", shows that his apostleship had been questioned. The next three questions are actually the answers to the first one, or Paul's evidence that he is an apostle. Consider each of the following questions and what they mean to you as evidence of his apostleship.

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Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

In Chapter 8 we read of Paul's exhortation to lay down liberty when it hinders another, letting the sacrifice of love rule over your actions. So far in chapter 9 he has shown his personal example of sacrifice, in working rather than being financially supported. Now he goes further in showing how he will walk in love by willingly laying down **any** liberty if it furthers the gospel.

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1. In 1 Corinthians 9:19 Paul declares that he is free from all men, bubecome?	t what is he willing to
a. How did Jesus teach this principle in Luke 22:24-27?	
b. What example did Jesus set in John 13:12-17?	
2. In 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 Paul lists what he would become and why	y.
a. Fill in the blanks below from these verses.	
1. verse 19:	
"I have made myself as	"
"that I might	"
2. verse 20a:	
"I became as a"	
"that I might	"
3. verse 20b:	
"to those who are under the law (I have become) as	,
"that I might	,,
4. verse 21:	
"to those who are without the law (I have become) as _	,
"that I might	,,

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Note Paul's parenthetical explanation here. Why is this important?

5. verse 22a:	
"to the weak I became	,,
"that I might	,,
6. Verse 22b sums up this thought. Write out the sentence he	ere.
b. Considering the examples above, what are some areas you might walk where you might follow these examples?	ight think of in your daily
want where you might follow these examples.	
3. Write the reason for laying down liberties as stated by Paul in ver	rse 23.
Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.	
These verses may be familiar as Paul uses the example of a race to gor of the Royal Route! This example was perfect for the Corinthians were held in Corinth every two years, second only to the Olympics. athletes training for the races.	s since the Isthmian games
1. 1 Corinthians 9:24 says there is a prize, "Run in such a way that yeach of the verses say you are to run?	you may obtain it." How do
a. verse 25	
b. verse 26	
c. verse 27	
2. The prize for the Isthmian games was first a crown of dry wild connect wreath in Roman times.	elery, then it was changed to a
a. How would these prizes be "perishable"?	
b. What <i>perishable</i> prizes does the world race to win?	

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