

# Setting Rights Aside

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. Introduction (1:1-9)**
- II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**
- III. Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)**
  - c. Christian Liberty Abuses (8:1 – 11:1)

## **A. Paul had every right to be paid for ministry work (9:1-14)**

1. Paul is an Apostle of Jesus Christ, the highest rank in the church below Christ (9:1-6).
2. Relatable illustrations demonstrate that essential laborers must be compensated (9:7).
3. The Old Testament teaches that spiritual ministers ought to be paid (9:8-13).
4. Jesus Christ affirmed that ministers of the gospel ought to be supported (9:14).

**B. Paul chose to set aside his rights (9:15-18)**

1. Setting aside what rightly belongs to you is a matter of personal conviction (9:15).

2. God is looking for a willing heart in all acts of service (9:16-18).