

Message Notes

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A Better Way

Entitlement

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

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Entitlement:

- ◆ Entitlement = the belief that we inherently _____ privileges or special treatments, or that we have the _____ to something.
- ◆ The only _____ from entitlement is dissatisfaction and unhappiness.
- ◆ Entitlement leads to:
 - ① _____. (Prov. 8:13, 11:2, 16:18, 29:23; Rom. 12:16; 1 Cor. 13:4; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5).
 - ② An inability to be _____. Steals our _____.
 - ③ _____ relationships. Turns us against others. Even _____.
- ◆ The _____ is Jesus offers a _____ way of life.

Paul's Example & The Better Way of Jesus:

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? Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship.
(1 Cor. 9:1-2)

- ◆ _____ = a messenger commissioned to carry out the instructions of the commissioning agent. (Acts 9 and Acts 18)
- ◆ Paul's 5-Tiered Defense:
 - ① _____ practice - soldiers, farmers, shepherds. (1 Cor. 9:7)
 - ② _____ precedent. (Dt. 25:4; 1 Cor. 9:8-10)
 - ③ _____ sense. (1 Cor. 9:11-12)
 - ④ _____ custom. (Lev. 2:3, 10, 7:28-36; Num. 18:8-31; Dt. 18:1-8; 1 Cor. 9:13)
 - ⑤ _____ command. (Matthew 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Cor. 9:14)

But I have not used any of these rights. (1 Cor. 9:15)

- ◆ Paul did not take advantage of his _____. (1 Cor. 9:15-18)
- ◆ Paul gave up his _____ for the good of others and the gospel.

How to Fight Entitlement:

- ◆ We fight entitlement by creating a _____ of humble _____ to the One who has given us what we don't deserve. (1 Ch. 16:4, 8, 34-35, 41; 2 Ch. 20:21, 31:2; Neh. 12:31; Ps. 7:17, 28:7, 75:1, 100:4, 105:1, 106:1, 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31, 118:1, 19, 29, 136:1, 2, 3, 26; Is. 12:4; Jer. 33:11; 1 Cor. 10:16, 2 Cor. 1:11; 1 Th. 5:18; Rev. 11:17)
- ◆ Take the _____ challenge.