

LESSON 14
THE SACRIFICE OF FREEDOM
1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-27

I. Paul's personal sacrifice (9:19-23)

A. Paul's attitude (9:19)

- Paul voluntarily gave up _____ for the sake of others.

Question: How does Paul's attitude compare with the attitudes held by our culture?

B. The attitude expressed (9:20-22)

1. To the Jews (9:20)

- Paul was willing to subject himself to the _____ for their sake.

Question: Are you willing to submit to someone who is legalistic?

2. To those without the Law (9:21)

- Paul was willing to set aside _____ to reach Gentiles.

Question: Are we willing to give up our traditions and preferences to reach people for Christ?

3. To the weak (9:22)

- Paul was willing to give up his rights for the _____.

Question: Are we willing to give up our rights for the sake of others? Why or why not.

C. The purpose (9:23)

- Paul did this so that the gospel would be heard by _____.

II. The race for the prize (9:24-27)

A. The nature of the race (9:24)

- The focus of an athlete is _____.
- Paul is calling the reader to _____ with such a focus.

B. The discipline required (9:25a)

- The athlete will discipline his life to _____.
- The athlete will _____ to win.

C. The purpose for the discipline (9:25b)

- The athletes race for that which is _____.
- Paul tells the readers that that they are racing for _____.

D. Paul's focus (9:26)

- Paul ran the race with a _____.

E. Paul's self-discipline (9:27a)

- Paul brought his _____ into subjection.

F. The purpose (9:27b)

- Paul did this so that nothing would hinder _____.