



Love Competes

With Olympic Passion

1 Corinthians 9

8/21/16

With Olympic Passion, in this competition for the s_____ of people we sacrifice...

M_____

1 Corinthians 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

² If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

³ My defense to those who examine me is this:

⁴ Do we not have a right to eat and drink?

⁵ Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

⁶ Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

⁷ Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard, and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

⁸ I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing." God is not concerned about oxen, is He?

¹⁰ Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher *to thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*.

¹¹ If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?

¹² If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

¹³ Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the *food* of the temple, *and* those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?

¹⁴ So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

¹⁵ But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things that it may be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one.

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

¹⁷ For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

¹⁸ What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

P _____

¹⁹ For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.

²⁰ And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law;

²¹ to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.

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²³ And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

²⁵ And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

²⁷ but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

³ and all ate the same spiritual food;

⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.

⁷ And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

⁸ Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

⁹ Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

¹⁰ Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.