

Sermon Notes

A Minister's Right to Provision from the Church

1 Corinthians 9:1-14

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

9:1-2 Paul was an apostle. Even if not to others, his imprint was on the Corinthians, for the ministry he had done among them.

Ref.: Acts 9, Acts 14:14

9:3-7 Ministers have the right to be provided for by the church without having to work at another job outside of ministry.

Three metaphors to support this point:

A soldier doesn't pay his own expenses

A farmer plants a vineyard and eats some of the fruit it produces

A shepherd tends a flock and drinks from the milk it produces

9:8-11 Christians ought to work in hope - expectantly and joyfully looking forward to sharing some of their produce with ministers who serve them spiritually.

Ref.: 2 Corinthians 9:7

9:12 Paul had the right to be supported, but didn't claim it, for the sake of others. As a result, providing for himself was a burden to bear.

9:13-14 The Lord ordered that those who proclaim the gospel are to survive from their gospel work.

Christians can sacrifice by offering their money to support ministers.

Pastors, ministers, and missionaries should be made able to survive from the offerings of Christians.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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