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“What Will I Give Up?”
1 Corinthians 9, pg 811
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- :1-2 As an apostle, Paul had knowledge and rights.
- :7-12 Labor should be tied to the incentive of reward.
See Proverbs 16:26.
- :3-18 As a saved man, he gave up his rights so others could be saved.

“We put up with everything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ” (:12).
- :16-18 Paul’s preaching was not voluntary. It was commanded, see Acts 9:1-16.

But out of his gratitude and love for Christ, preaching it free of charge was voluntary and also offered the incentive of reward.

“I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.” (:19).

“I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some” (:22).
- :23 There are blessings from sharing the Gospel that go beyond the blessings of receiving it.
- :24-25 Those blessings/rewards will be greater than any reward we ever will receive on earth.
- :26-27 Paul believed physical discipline and self-control improved his capacity for spiritual service.

Significant questions with eternal consequences:

- 1) What will I put up with or give up to see others come to Christ? (:12, 15)
- 2) Do I display a servant’s heart for those who need Christ? (:19)
- 3) What “*means*” do I choose for someone else to come to Christ? (:22)
- 4) Do I believe eternal rewards are worth “*running*” for? (:24-26)
- 5) What physical self-control or self-discipline would make me a better servant of God?

Study Questions for Next Week
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1. How would you respond if you saw God do lots of miracles? What experiences and benefits did Israel have together? How did they respond? Why? What would you have done?
2. Why did God give us this section? See also Romans 15:4.
3. What do you grumble or complain about? What kinds of situations bring out the worst in you? What goes through your mind when you do something you will later regret? Memorize v 13. What are the promises of this verse? How does God provide a way out?