

## **Regard for Others**

### ***Lesson 7***

#### ***I Corinthians 8:1 - 9:27***

##### ***Introduction***

In chapter seven, Paul began answering questions raised by the Corinthians in their letter. In chapter eight, Paul appears to shift his attention to another area of their questions, meats sacrificed to idols. Paul points out the non-existence of other gods, and that God does not judge a person by what he eats. However, he encourages them not to use their right to eat to the detriment of their weak brethren.

This subject of foregoing rights in order to help our brethren is the center focus of chapter nine as well. Paul notes that he could have taken wages from them but chose not to in order to avoid hindering the gospel of Christ (9:12). Paul concludes the section by indicating he has applied this principle in becoming all things to all men.

##### ***Meats Sacrificed to Idols - 8:1-13***

1. What is the danger of knowledge? What did knowledge cause some of them to do that was wrong?
2. Read Acts 17:22-31. Be prepared to explain Paul's views regarding idolatry and the one true God.
3. Read Mark 7:14-23. Use this passage to explain why food does not commend us to God.
4. How could the strong cause the weak to stumble? Be specific.
5. What was Paul's conclusion regarding eating?

***Paul's Rights - 9:1-18***

1. What does Paul say demonstrated he was an apostle?
2. What are the rights Paul says he has in vs. 4-6?
3. Paul spends much time discussing the right to accept wages as an apostle or minister of God. What does he use to show he had this right?
4. Why did Paul not collect wages from the Corinthians? How did he survive?
5. What reward did Paul seek from preaching the gospel?

***All Things to All Men - 9:19-27***

1. What groups did Paul say he became like? Why did he do this? Give examples for each group of what he might have actually done.
2. Why did Paul do things for the gospel's sake?
3. What essential quality is necessary to win the race Paul describes?
4. Why did Paul strive so hard to bring his body into bondage? What lesson should we gain from this?