**Making Your Life Count for Christ**

1 Corinthians 9

**1 Corinthians 9:16 (ESV)**For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

1. **The Attitude of Selfless Abdication**

**1 Corinthians 9:1 (ESV)**Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord?

**1 Corinthians 9:2 (ESV)**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.

**1 Corinthians 9:3 (ESV)**This is my defense to those who would examine me.

**1 Corinthians 9:15 (ESV)**But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

**1 Corinthians 9:16 (ESV)**For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

**1 Corinthians 9:17 (ESV)**For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

**1 Corinthians 9:18 (ESV)**What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

1. **The Attitude of Servant Adaptation**

**1 Corinthians 9:19 (ESV)**For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

**1 Corinthians 9:20 (ESV)**To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

**1 Corinthians 9:21 (ESV)**To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

**1 Corinthians 9:22 (ESV)**To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

**1 Corinthians 9:23 (ESV)**I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1. **The Attitude of Single Attention**

**1 Corinthians 9:24 (ESV)**Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

**1 Corinthians 9:25 (ESV)**Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

**1 Corinthians 9:26 (ESV)**So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.

**1 Corinthians 9:27 (ESV)**But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.