

Sermon Notes

Benefits of Biblical Practices Sermon Series

“Giving to Support Gospel Ministry”

Various texts

February 15, 2026

4. On occasion Paul made exceptions to this principle (see 1 Cor. 9:15-18 in conjunction with Acts 18:1-5; Phil 4:10-19; 2 Cor. 11:2-15). What is the exception, and why did he make these exceptions? Note the context when he made exceptions. How does this inform missions ministry funding today?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. Who else were these directions given to? How does the widespread nature of the guidelines impact our application outside of that unique circumstance? Who was to contribute? How would they determine how much to contribute? When were they to contribute?

6. What principles from this passage should govern our giving to the work of the Lord? Are there any of these principles that you particularly need to begin to heed? What would be your next right step in that matter?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 02-15-2026

Getting Started:

1. How do you feel about discussions about giving to gospel ministry? Excited, frustrated, joyful, embarrassed, "it's no one else's business," or something else?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 Corinthians 9:4-14.

2. 1 Corinthians 8 concluded with Paul determined to not participate in a legitimate freedom/right (eating meat previously sacrificed to an idol) if doing so would cause a brother to stumble into sin. He then illustrates that same principle of restricting one's freedom or rights in a second illustration in chapter 9. But before he can talk about why he is choosing to restrict himself, he first spends 11 verses clearly establishing that he has a right to expect financial remuneration as compensation for his gospel teaching ministry. It is that clear principle I want us to consider. How do the analogies and use of Scripture in vv 7-12 prove that Paul is entitled to financial support from the Corinthian church?
3. 1 Cor 9:14 tells us the Lord Jesus established what principle? Consider Luke 10:7 and its context. What did Jesus expect of the recipients of gospel ministry? How does Paul's teachings (1 Tim. 5:17-18; Gal. 6:6) reinforce this?