

## A Question of Rights - 1 Corinthians 9:1-18

### The rightness of rights.

#### 1. The rights Paul had (vv.1-12a; vv.13-14).

Four bases for Paul's right to material provision.

1. His status as an apostle (preacher of the gospel).
2. The principle of natural justice.
3. The Law of God.
4. The command of Christ.

*Do you acknowledge the rights of gospel-workers?*

*Do you see your part in providing for them?*

#### 2. The rights Paul relinquished (v.12b; vv.15-18)

- Paul's motive – so that nothing would “hinder the gospel of Christ.”
- Paul's joy – to offer the gospel “free of charge.”

The wonder of Christ's greater self-denial.

*Where might you find joy in denying yourself for the gospel?*