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- **Because of his position**

> [1] Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?

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- Because of his position
- Because of his hard work

> 7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense?
> Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes?
> Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk?

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> Deuteronomy 25:4
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> Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.

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   - Because of his position
   - Because of his hard work
   - Because of God's command

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> …take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.

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14 In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

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- So others may be saved

> 12 But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

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> 15 But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me. I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of this boast.

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> 19 Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

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> 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5–8

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Romans 12:17–18

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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1 Corinthians 7:21

Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so.

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1 Corinthians 7:16

How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

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1 Corinthians 9:23

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