

BIBLE TEACHINGS ON PAYING MINISTERS OF GOSPEL FOR PASTORING CHRIST'S FLOCK

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- 1. 1 COR. 9: 13-18- ALTHOUGH PAUL HAS A RIGHT TO RECEIVE MONEY FOR HIS SERVICE, HE WILL NOT TAKE MONEY FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL.
“I HAVE USED NONE OF THESE THINGS....” V.15.
A. HE PREACHES FOR THE JOY OF IT. V.18.
B. HE IS PLEASED THAT HE DOES NOT ACCEPT PAY FOR PREACHING CHRIST. 9:15-17.
C. HE RECEIVES NO PAY FOR HIS PREACHING. V.18.**
- 2. PAUL ACCEPTS GIFTS, NOT A SALARY.
A. 2 COR. 11- “OPSONION,”GREEK, MEANS “SUPPORT,” HAVING TO DO WITH THAT WHICH IS COOKED. HE WAS ACCEPTING A GIFT OF COOKED FOOD. (SEE P. 16, OF *BEWARE THE TITHE TRAP* FOR FULL DISCUSSION.**
- 3. PAUL SUPPORTED HIMSELF WITH HIS HANDS, TENTMAKING.
ACTS 18:3.**
- 4. 2 THESS. 3: 6-13- PAUL WORKED NIGHT AND DAY, NOT TAKING ANYONE’S BREAD WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT. WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR PASTOR WORKING WITH HIS HANDS TO SUPPORT HIMSELF IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL?**
- 5. 1 COR. 11:1- “IMITATE ME AS I IMITATE CHRIST.” AS CHRIST WAS A CARPENTER, WORKING WITH HIS HANDS (MARK 6:3), SO PAUL, ALSO, WORKED WITH HIS HANDS.**

6. 1 PETER 5:2- PETER SERVES CHRIST OUT OF LOVE, NOT FOR “FILTHY LUCRE.”
7. 2 COR. 2:17- PAUL SAYS THAT HE AND THE OTHER APOSTLES DO NOT “PEDDLE” THE WORD OF GOD AS DO OTHERS WHO CLAIM TO BE CALLED OF CHRIST.
8. CONCLUSION:
HOW DO WE GIVE TO CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST AND SLAIN, RESURRECTED PASSOVER LAMB? **SEE MATT. 25: 24-36.** (NOTE: WE GIVE TO CHRIST BY PROVIDING FOR THE NEEDY; WE DO NOT GIVE TO CHRIST BY SENDING TITHE TO A CENTRAL OFFICE WHERE THE FUNDS ARE USED TO PAY NON-LEVITES FOR SALARIES, TRAVEL, BONUSES, AND BUILDINGS.)

“THE MINISTRY IS A CALLING, NOT A JOB!”