TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: I CORINTHIANS 9:12-23

"BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY"

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: ASSERTION

#2: ACCOMMODATION

#3: AFFIRMATION

SERMONIC POINT #1:
ASSERTION

"Nevertheless, we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ." "Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

I Corinthians 9:14

"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; woe...if I don't preach the Gospel!"

I Corinthians 9:18

"What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present...without charge...that I may not abuse my authority..."

I Corinthians 9:18

"For though I am free from ALL men, I have made myself a servant to ALL, that I might win the more;"

SERMONIC POINT #2: ACCOMMODATION

THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS:

~JEWS: those under The Law;

~GNTILES: those w/o The Law;

~WEAK: those form of The Law

"and to the <u>Jews</u> I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those <u>who are under the law</u>, that I might win those who are under the law;"

I Corinthians 9:20

"to <u>those who are without</u> <u>law</u>, as without law (not being without law toward GOD, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;"

I Corinthians 9:21

"to <u>those who are without</u> <u>law</u>, as without law (not being without law toward GOD, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;"

I Corinthians 9:21

"to <u>the weak</u> I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become ALL things to ALL men, that I might by all means save some."

I Corinthians 9:22

SERMONIC POINT #3: AFFIRMATION

"Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."

I Corinthians 9:23

"(accommodation)...was limited by the precepts of God's Word. He would not sin against his God...to save the soul of another.

(Anselm) "the slightest sin can never be justified even if by committing it the whole world would be saved."

-Tom Ascol, Executive Director of Founders Ministries

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Philippians 2:3-8

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men."

Philippians 2:3-8

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:3-8