

## "Gospel Support"

Blessing for Blessing I Corinthians 9:8-14

Gospel workers are:

I. **Producers** – "the ox that treads out the corn" (vs. 8-10) Support that is:

- A. Customary "Say I these things as a man?"
- **B.** Commanded "For it is written in the law of Moses"
- C. Caring "Does God take care for oxen?"

II. Planters – "If we have sown" (vs. 10-11)

Support for the:

- A. Hope "he that plows should plow in hope"
- **B.** Harvest "he that threshes in hope"
- C. Help -"If we have sown unto you spiritual things"

III. Partakers - "partakers with the altar" (vs. 12-14)

Support that is:

- A. Obligatory "If others be partakers... are not we rather"
- **B.** Ordered "Do ye not know that they...live of the temple"
- C. Ordained "the Lord ordained... they should live of the gospel"

## Sentence Sermon

"Your support of Gospel workers is a reflection of your love of the Gospel."

## Additional Verses

- > Luke 10:7-8
- > Matthew 10:10
- I Corinthians 8:10
- Numbers 18:8-12
- Leviticus 6:14; 7:36
- II Corinthians 2:17
- Deuteronomy 25:4
- I Timothy 5:17-18
- **Romans** 15:25-27
- > Philippians 4:15-16
- ➤ Galatians 6:6-10
- II Corinthians 11:8

## Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
- 2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
- 3. What is Paul's point in saying "say | these things as a man?"
- 4. How would you describe the context in Deuteronomy 25 about oxen?
- 5. What does it mean to plant in hope and thresh in hope?
- 6. What is the principle being expressed in verse 11?
- 7. Why do you think Paul did not want to be supported by that church?
- 8. Why was it so important for Paul to give a historical context in verse 13?
- 9. What is the standard Jesus ordains in Luke 10:7-8?
- 10. How much support should we give to our missionaries ?
- 11. How should we decide how much to pay the Pastor?