

Series: 1 Corinthians

## “The High Cost of Effective Evangelism”

(Sunday Morning June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

### Passage: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

a. There is a F \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Associated With Evangelism

*Matt 18:3 “(Jesus Said)... ‘Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.’”*

b. There is a P \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Associated With Evangelism

*2 Cor 11:27 “(Paul Said)...I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure”*

c. There is a P \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Associated With Evangelism

*Rom 15:20 “(Paul Said) And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man’s foundation”*

## I. Effective Evangelism Involves Giving Up Our P \_\_\_\_\_

1) Paul Gave Up His Moral L \_\_\_\_\_

Paul even took on some Jewish t \_\_\_\_\_ at times that he did not have to take on just so that he could be more effective in his efforts to reach the Jews.

*Acts 16:3 “Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek”*

2) Paul Gave Up His Domestic C \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Cor 7:8-9 “8 I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I. 9 But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion”*

Paul was probably a widower, and I can say that because we know that Paul was, at one time, a member of the S \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Paul Gave Up His F \_\_\_\_\_ Benefits

*Deut 24:4 “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing”*

Paul was telling these Corinthians that this verse was not referring primarily to oxen, but rather, to supporting the P \_\_\_\_\_ and the L \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Effective Evangelism Involves Giving Up Our P \_\_\_\_\_

1) Paul Gave Up His R\_\_\_\_\_Prejudices

This is one reason, for example, that Paul strongly promoted an o\_\_\_\_\_ from the Gentile Christians in Macedonia on behalf of the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem.

*2 Cor 9:13-15 "13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you"*

2) Paul Gave Up His S\_\_\_\_\_Prejudices

The more d\_\_\_\_\_ prejudices for many people to get past, in my opinion, are social prejudices.

*James 2:2 "My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism."*

3) Paul Gave Up His C\_\_\_\_\_Prejudices

If we are going to be consistent with Pauline theology, we have to say that this refers to those who have a lot of m\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Effective Evangelism Involves Giving Up Our P\_\_\_\_\_

1) Paul Gave Up His S\_\_\_\_\_

*1 Thes 2:9 "For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God"*

When others see us doing this as individuals and as a church, I believe they will take note of it, and they will r\_\_\_\_\_ in a very p\_\_\_\_\_ way>

2) Paul Gave Up His S\_\_\_\_\_

*Dan 12:2 "...those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever"*

When it comes to sin, Paul was saying in essence, "I refuse to be e\_\_\_\_\_ on myself."

*Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"*

*Heb 12:2 "...for the joy set before Him (Jesus) endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"*