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I Corinthians 9:19-23

1. What Paul was doing
 - a. Paul is winning
 - i. Same word used in:
 1. Matthew 18 in the context of Church Discipline “go to the one who has offended you and if he listens to you you have “won” your brother
 2. 1 Peter “wives be subject to you husband so that even if they don’t obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives”
 3. Philippians 3:8 “. . . I count all things as rubbish in order that I might win (gain) Christ”
 - ii. Paul is winning in the old evangelistic sense of winning souls
 1. He is not interested in getting people to church
 2. . . . getting people in bible studies
 3. . . . teaching people how to win theological arguments though all these things are good
 - iii. Paul is interested in the salvation of their souls
 1. Proverbs 11:30 “. . . the one who wins souls is wise”
2. How Paul was doing it
 - a. By making himself everyone’s slave
 - i. He didn’t let his freedom keep people from Christ
 1. He was not going to hinder the gospel by “digging up the road” as it were (vs 12)
 2. He was prepared to:
 - a. Adjust his Habits
 - b. Change his Lifestyle
 - c. Set aside preferences
3. Why paul was doing it
 - a. For the Gospel.