

- 1 Corinthians 9:19 - *For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.*
- 1 Corinthians 9:19 (LBLA) — *19 Porque aunque soy libre de todos, de todos me he hecho esclavo para ganar a mayor número.*

- 2 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV) — 5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
- 2 Corinthians 4:5 (LBLA) — 5 Porque no nos predicamos a nosotros mismos, sino a Cristo Jesús como Señor, y a nosotros como siervos vuestros por amor de Jesús.

Bond Servants Needed (Lesson #3)

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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- 16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. 17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 18 What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.
- 19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. 23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. NASU

- **First**, he made the decision to willingly make himself a **BOND SERVANT**, a slave, a servant to all.
- Anthony Thiselton translated this passage in his commentary on 1 Corinthians “*though I was not a slave to any human being, I put myself in slavery to all people*”.
- **Second**, we are to “*become all things*”.
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 - **20** *To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men... NASU*

- We are literally “Bible Translators” for lost people.
- 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 - *2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.* NASU
- 2 Corinthians 3:2–3 (LBLA) — *2 Vosotros sois nuestra carta, escrita en nuestros corazones, conocida y leída por todos los hombres, 3 siendo manifiesto que sois carta de Cristo redactada por nosotros, no escrita con tinta, sino con el Espíritu del Dios vivo; no en tablas de piedra, sino en tablas de corazones humanos.*

Our Lord told us it will be dangerous. Sheep among wolves.

He taught us to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

He taught us that we should examine the ways those in the world deal with those in the world.

Third - to all men

- We are to become all things to all men ***THAT BY ALL MEANS*** we might save some.
- This takes us into the area of **opinion, personal judgment, personal belief, thought, view, and opinion.**”
- To “***by all means save some***” – if it isn’t **immoral**, if it isn’t **illegal**, (in some cases that doesn’t apply because we must obey God rather than men.) if it doesn’t **violate scripture**, if it is **wise** – we can do it.

“Go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”

means we can use whatever methods and developments that are available to us to get the job done.

If it isn't immoral, if it isn't illegal, if it isn't unscriptural, if it isn't unwise then brothers and sisters, we can do it... give it a try.

It may work and it may not work.
So we'll try something else.

- Acts 16:1-3 - *Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, 2 and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. 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.* NASU
- Acts 16:1–3 (LBLA) — *1 Llegó también a Derbe y a Listra. Y estaba allí cierto discípulo llamado Timoteo, hijo de una mujer judía creyente, pero de padre griego, 2 del cual hablaban elogiosamente los hermanos que estaban en Listra y en Iconio. 3 Pablo quiso que este fuera con él, y lo tomó y lo circuncidó por causa de los judíos que había en aquellas regiones, porque todos sabían que su padre era griego.*

- Galatians 2:1-6 - Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. 2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. 5 **But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour**, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you. NASU
- Galatians 2:1–6 (LBLA) — 1 Entonces, después de catorce años, subí otra vez a Jerusalén con Bernabé, llevando también a Tito. 2 Subí por causa de una revelación y les presenté el evangelio que predico entre los gentiles, pero lo hice en privado a los que tenían alta reputación, para cerciorarme de que no corría ni había corrido en vano. 3 Pero ni aun Tito, que estaba conmigo, fue obligado a circuncidarse, aunque era griego. 4 Y esto fue por causa de los falsos hermanos introducidos secretamente, que se habían infiltrado para espiar la libertad que tenemos en Cristo Jesús, a fin de someternos a esclavitud, 5 a los cuales ni por un momento cedimos, para no someternos, a fin de que la verdad del evangelio permanezca con vosotros. 6 Y de aquellos que tenían reputación de ser algo (lo que eran, nada me importa; Dios no hace acepción de personas), pues bien, los que tenían reputación, nada me enseñaron.

“I didn’t yield to them for a
minute.”

Galatians 5:4 (NASB95) — *4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.*

Galatians 5:4 (LBLA) — *4 De Cristo os habéis separado, vosotros que procuráis ser justificados por la ley; de la gracia habéis caído.*

I would like to ask you to read
Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 8.

1 Corinthians 8:9 - *9 But take
care that this liberty of
yours does not somehow
become a stumbling block to
the weak.* NASU

- Romans 6:1-7 - 6 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.* NASU

- Romans 6:1-7 (LBLA) — 1 *¿Qué diremos, entonces? ¿Continuaremos en pecado para que la gracia abunde? 2 ¡De ningún modo! Nosotros, que hemos muerto al pecado, ¿cómo viviremos aún en él? 3 ¿O no sabéis que todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús, hemos sido bautizados en su muerte? 4 Por tanto, hemos sido sepultados con Él por medio del bautismo para muerte, a fin de que como Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos por la gloria del Padre, así también nosotros andemos en novedad de vida. 5 Porque si hemos sido unidos a Él en la semejanza de su muerte, ciertamente lo seremos también en la semejanza de su resurrección, 6 sabiendo esto, que nuestro viejo hombre fue crucificado con Él, para que nuestro cuerpo de pecado fuera destruido, a fin de que ya no seamos esclavos del pecado; 7 porque el que ha muerto, ha sido libertado del pecado.*