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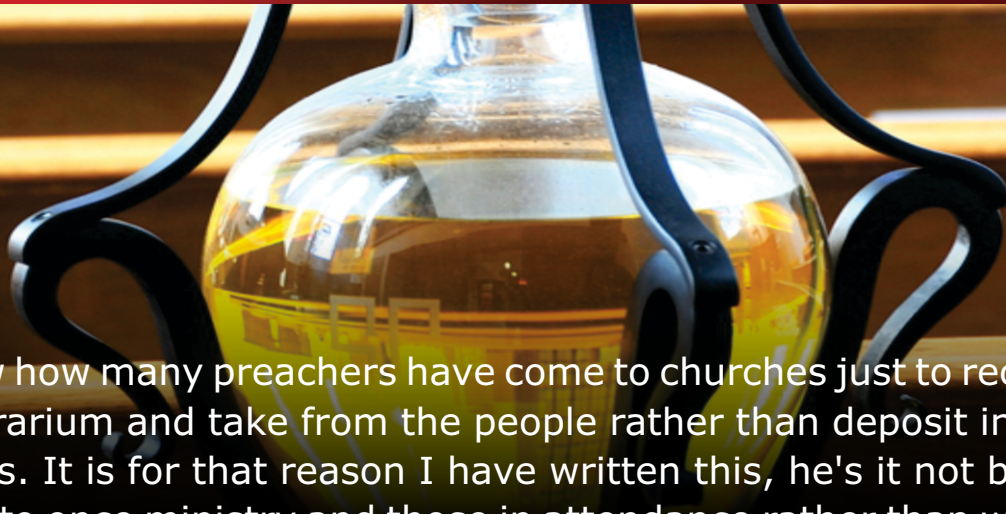


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I know how many preachers have come to churches just to receive an honorarium and take from the people rather than deposit into their hearts. It is for that reason I have written this, he's it not better to deposit into once ministry and those in attendance rather than what you will receive from them.

I'm not saying I don't give honorariums. In fact, just the opposite. I give honorariums very liberally. Whenever I personally invite a guest to speak, I ensure their expenses are taken care of. I **never go anywhere expecting an honorarium**, I have gone everywhere I'm being invited to minister prepared to pay for the entire ministry because; I believe God has sent me there for a reason. That is my heartfelt attitude when i go anywhere. I go to be a blessing to the people.

Every situation must be weighed and then given credence by the Holy Spirit and what He desires to do at that moment. **Those who will only come and give honor if they are paid are nothing more**

than hirelings and are giving a PAID endorsement, not honoring the house or the man of God.

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So many Pastors have ended up becoming enemies to themselves because of this subject, most Churches leaders don't invite their friends in the Vineyard because of this subject and many Pastors will have to put their church members through a lot of hard times in other to raise money to get a speaker into their church.

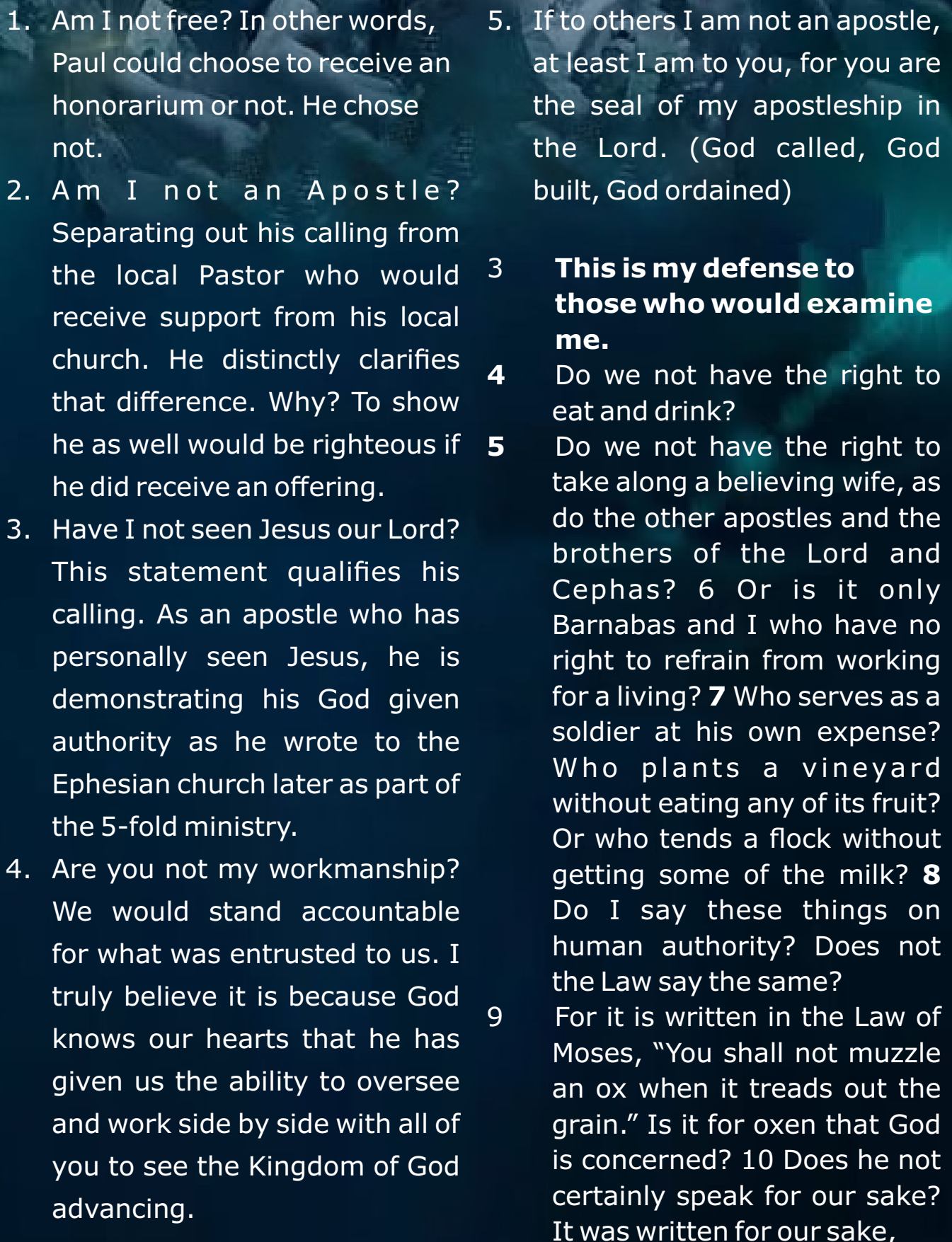
My thoughts should be any anointed man or woman of God should be excited to be a blessing when the need arises and not the other way round. God has given

you the anointing for a reason; that's to fill His church and not to break the church. Think about what the anointing can do for the people in His House more than what you can get out of His House.

I too am an itinerant minister. As was the Apostle Paul. Paul was a tent maker secularly and allowed his earnings to deal with his natural needs. I do not have a church that pays me a salary. I work in his Vineyard as a church planner and runs some business to help make ends meet. However, there is a Biblical precedent for receiving honorariums. **1 Corinthians 9** specifically deals with this topic.

1 Corinthians 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Let me comment for a moment on these first few verses. These are qualifying verses in defense of those who would criticize the Apostle Paul for his motives to come and preach. (We see the same thing today with many that are in ministry simply for the money).

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1. Am I not free? In other words, Paul could choose to receive an honorarium or not. He chose not.
 2. Am I not an Apostle? Separating out his calling from the local Pastor who would receive support from his local church. He distinctly clarifies that difference. Why? To show he as well would be righteous if he did receive an offering.
 3. Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? This statement qualifies his calling. As an apostle who has personally seen Jesus, he is demonstrating his God given authority as he wrote to the Ephesian church later as part of the 5-fold ministry.
 4. Are you not my workmanship? We would stand accountable for what was entrusted to us. I truly believe it is because God knows our hearts that he has given us the ability to oversee and work side by side with all of you to see the Kingdom of God advancing.
 5. If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. (God called, God built, God ordained)
- 3 This is my defense to those who would examine me.**
- 4** Do we not have the right to eat and drink?
- 5** Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? **6** Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? **7** Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? **8** Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same?
- 9** For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? **10** Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake,

because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop.

11 If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

12 If others share this rightful claim on you, **do not we even more?** Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?

14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. **15** But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid

upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

- 24** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
- 25** Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.
- 26** So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.
- 27** But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

We see Paul setting out in ministry in **Acts 16**. It is there that the Holy Spirit would not allow him to go to certain places because he needed him in Macedonia:

(1) To preach the gospel; (2) To give them the opportunity to sow into Paul's ministry for the rest of his life. Many were given the opportunity to support the Apostle Paul, but only one church did. They were faithful in their support of the Apostle Paul and that is why the Holy Spirit inspired him to write to the church at Philippi and say...

Philippians 4:15-20 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church

entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. **16** Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. **17** Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. **18** I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. **19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20** To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

I could have no greater honor(arium) than that from our King. According to **2 Corinthians 9**, Paul is again writing to the Macedonians saying in **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** "Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap generously [and be blessed].

7 Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is

in his gift]. [**Proverbs 22:9**] **8**
And God is able to make all grace
[every favor and earthly blessing]
come in abundance to you, so that
you may always [under all
circumstances, regardless of the
need] have complete sufficiency in
everything [being completely self-
sufficient in Him], and have an
abundance for every good work
and act of charity.

God is my source and supply. My
faith and trust are completely in
Him.

**Well Done, My Good And
Faithful Servant**

I pray this teaching helps to
remind us that he's the reward of
those who diligently seek Him.

**Welcome To The Month of
October 2022. May God Richly
Bless You And Your family This
Month Like Never Before.
Amen.**

Yours In His Vineyard!



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