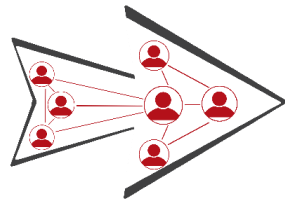


Responsibilities, Requirements, Rights and Rewards of Elders 1 Corinthians 9



1. The Responsibilities of Elders

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?

2. The Requirements of Elders

² Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 9:1-2 NIV

3.. The Rights of Elders

³ This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. 1 Corinthians 9:3 NIV

a. The Right to Eat and Drink

⁴ Don't we have the right to food and drink? 1 Corinthians 9:4 NIV

b. The Right to Have a Believing Wife

⁵ Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? 1 Corinthians 9:5 NIV

c. The Right to Receive a Living from the Gospel

⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I who have to support ourselves by working at another job? 1 Corinthians 9:6 CET

Biblical Principle of Compensation

• Working and Earning

⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸ Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 1 Corinthians 9:7-10 NIV
See Deuteronomy 25:4, 1 Timothy 5:17-19

• Sowing and Reaping

¹¹ If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹² If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. 1 Corinthians 9:11-12 NIV

• Tithing and Giving

¹³ Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? ¹⁴ In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:13-14 NIV

4. The Rewards of Elders

¹⁵ But I have not used any of these rights... ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward... ¹⁸ What then is my reward? ...²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:15, 17-18, 24-27 NIV

