

Introduction: Paul encouraged Timothy to do the work of an evangelist, "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry," 2 Timothy 5. See vs. 1-5

Acts 21:8, 9 [Paul and his companions came to Caesarea. "and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him," v.8 "Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied," v.9. "And as we stayed many days..." v. 10. So, Philip was hospitable, who taught his children well and they prophesied. Could you imagine staying at this man's home.

Evidently there were those who challenged Paul's apostleship, maybe the right to even write this letter.

### **THE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE, 2 Corinthians 12:12**

1. Perseverance
2. Signs – see Acts 3:1-10
3. Wonders
4. Mighty Deeds – Acts 14:8-10
5. Some would say they had to have seen the Lord, 1 Corinthians 9:1-2
6. Have a good number of disciples.

### **THE DEFENCE FOR BEING FINANCIALLY PROVIDED FOR, 1 Corinthians 9:3-15**

1. The right or authority to be provided food and drink, v, 4 and 1 Thessalonians 2:6, 7
2. The right to take a believing wife, v. 5
3. Who goes to war at his own expense? v. 7
4. Who plants a vineyard and does not eats its fruit? v. 7
5. Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? V. 7
6. Remember the Law of Moses," don't muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain."
7. He who plows should plow in hope, v.10
8. Sow spiritual things reap material things, v.11
9. Those that minister at the altar and in the temple are to receive the offerings, v. 13
10. Jesus commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel, v. 14

### **THE DRAW OF OBEDIENCE, vs. 15-27**

1. "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel" v.16
2. Entrusted with a stewardship, v. 17
  - a. 1 Corinthians 4:1; Galatians; Ephesians 3:2; Col 1: 24-29
3. A servant to all, v. 19
4. "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." V. 22
5. Run to win, v. 24
6. Do not just beat the air but give some true body blows, v. 26

LAST WORDS: a life long discipline to keep my body in subjection lest I disqualify myself.