

All Things to All Men

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I. Introduction - 1 Corinthians 9.

II. Serve unto all.

- A. Jesus came to serve not to be served. (Luke 22:27, Mark 10:45)
- B. Jesus was humble enough to wash His disciples feet. (John 14:13)
- C. We are to keep others in mind and serve tangibly. (Matthew 25:35-36, Philippians 2:3-4)
- D. There is only one man who has the nature to care for your estate. (Philippians 2:20-21)
- E. One of the problems of serving is that there are feelings. (1 Corinthians 3)
 - 1. We are born with a hard heart and thick skin.
 - 2. We spend the rest of our lives trying to reverse this.
 - 3. Do all things without complaining. (Philippians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 10:10, 1 Peter 2:20)
- F. Being a servant involves thoughtfulness.

III. To Jews, unto the law as unto the law.

- A. Jesus identified with and accepted people as they were.
- B. He is able to help us with our temptation because he went through temptation.
- C. Jesus cried in identification with others. (John 11:35)

IV. I became weak.

- A. It takes a strong man to become weak from which comes compassion.
- B. Weakness means humility. (Deuteronomy 8:2, 2 Chronicles 4:18, Proverbs 29:23)
- C. It does not matter whether you are right, pride goes both ways. (Isaiah 57:15, Matthew 18:4, James 4:6)
- D. Whatever is demanded from someone, do twice as much. (Matthew 5:43, Luke 17:10)
- E. One becomes weak for the gospel's sake.

Application questions

1. How can one become a servant?

2. What does it mean to identify with people? Explain.

3. Think of three people in your circle who you could serve for the sake of the gospel? What can you do for them this week?
