

Worth It:
All Things to All People
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Authentic ministry begins with freedom.

(Verse 19a) ...I am free and belong to no man...

Ministry that changes lives is a mature choice to serve, not the childish demand to be served.

(Verse 19b) ... I make myself a slave to everyone...

True ministry comes from the desire to serve the spiritual needs of others, not the need to please them.

“I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.” -- Bill Cosby

(Verse 19c) ... to win as many as possible.

(Verse 23) I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

God's servants don't compromise who they are, but step inside the hearts of those they want to reach for Christ.

(Verse 22b) ... I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

The Jews: those who are religious but haven't experienced salvation.

Those Under the Law: people who are struggling to be good enough for God, but haven't received the gift of His grace.

The Weak: people who face constant trials and temptations and need to anchor their souls in God's faithful love.

**Asking one question changes you from a performer to a servant:
*What's it like to be you?***