

## **RESULTS OF CHOICE**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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A. TEXT: *“And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage; lest by any means after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected. (I Cor. 9:25-27).*

1. The choice that an athlete must make.
2. Make the choice in view of the reward that will be received.
3. Is the reward worth the price of the choice made?

B. Romans 7:15-25, READ.

1. Pictures the problems of all mankind.
  2. Two strong callings.
  3. We don't always answer the one we should.
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### **AM I NOT FREE?**

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A. There are areas where we are free to select one of several choices.

1. They are not questions of right or wrong.
2. Rather of convenience or personal feelings.

B. V. 1: Paul looks at some of the decisions that are made.

1. Problems arose because, they were trying to take away his freedoms.
  2. These were things in life in which Paul (Christians) were free to choose.
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### **Some Of These Freedoms**

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A. “Have we no right to eat or drink”?

1. Could expect and choose to receive support from church while preached.
2. He who plants a vineyard....
3. Or he who cares for the flock...
4. “Thou shall not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the grain”
5. Sometimes Paul received help - sometimes he supported himself.... This was his choice.

B. “TO LEAD ABOUT A WIFE”

1. Others did, – Peter.
2. Paul chose not to.

C. In these areas Paul exercised his freedom....**BUT.....**

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### **I AM NOT FREE...**

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- A. To preach or not to preach (teach) the gospel. V. 16.
    - 1. Woe is me if I preach not the gospel”
    - 2. The stewardship entrusted to him.
    - 3. We are not free....Rather we MUST:
    - 4. PREACH the gospel...(Great Commission) and **ONLY** the Gospel (Gal. 1).
  - B. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL MANKIND. (Vs. 19-23).
    - 1. To those under the Law...Those not under the Law...To the Weak.
    - 2. “I become all things to all men....To save some...”
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### **ATHLETES CHOICE**

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- A. **The race and the reward is there....He must decide to:...**
  - B. TO ENTER:
    - 1. Luke 13:24 strive to enter.
    - 2. Must lay aside....(Heb. 12:1-3) READ
  - C. HAVING ENTERED WE MUST RUN LAWFULLY:
    - 1. II Timothy 2:15.
    - 2. God is the law Giver...must follow His rules.
  - D. MUST “FINISH THE COURSE”
    - 1. II Timothy 4:6-9.
    - 2. Reward is at the **END** of the race!
  - E. BETWEEN ENTER and FINISH....must make our choice concerning.....
    - 1. Not the popular thing to do..... Remember Daniel
    - 2. To Much Required..... Remember Noah
    - 3. Cost Too Much ..... Remember What Paul Gave Up.
    - 4. Too FAR..... Remember Ethiopian Eunuch
    - 5. What about my friends..... Remember Jesus.
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### **CONCLUSION**

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- A. “I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.”
  - B. The importance of making the right choice in life.
  - C. What is your choice today? May we all have the wisdom to make the **RIGHT CHOICE....**
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