



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

1 Corinthians 9: 16-27

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the Gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it!

If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.
What then is my recompense?

That, when I preach, I offer the Gospel free of charge
so as not to make full use of my right in the Gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all,
I have made myself a slave to all
so as to win over as many as possible.

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

All this I do for the sake of the Gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.

Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race,
but only one wins the prize?
Run so as to win.
Every athlete exercises discipline in every way.
They do it to win a perishable crown,
but we an imperishable one.
Thus I do not run aimlessly;
I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing.
No, I drive my body and train it,
for fear that, after having preached to others,
I myself should be disqualified.

Our Scripture Reflection

"I have become all things to all people", says Paul in our text. Psychotherapists would say that Paul is struggling with a significant emotional disorder! What does he mean by this statement? Paul is willing to go out of way to relate to potential converts in whatever way is necessary. He loves the people for whom Jesus gave His life and wants all people to be a part of His body while here on earth and with Him in glory forever.

Food for your Journey

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there. —Indira Gandhi.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, so many people are searching for meaning. They are truly hungry for what this world cannot give. Help me, who has tasted and seen Your goodness, to bring them to You. Amen.

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