

# Corinthians

Simple Church





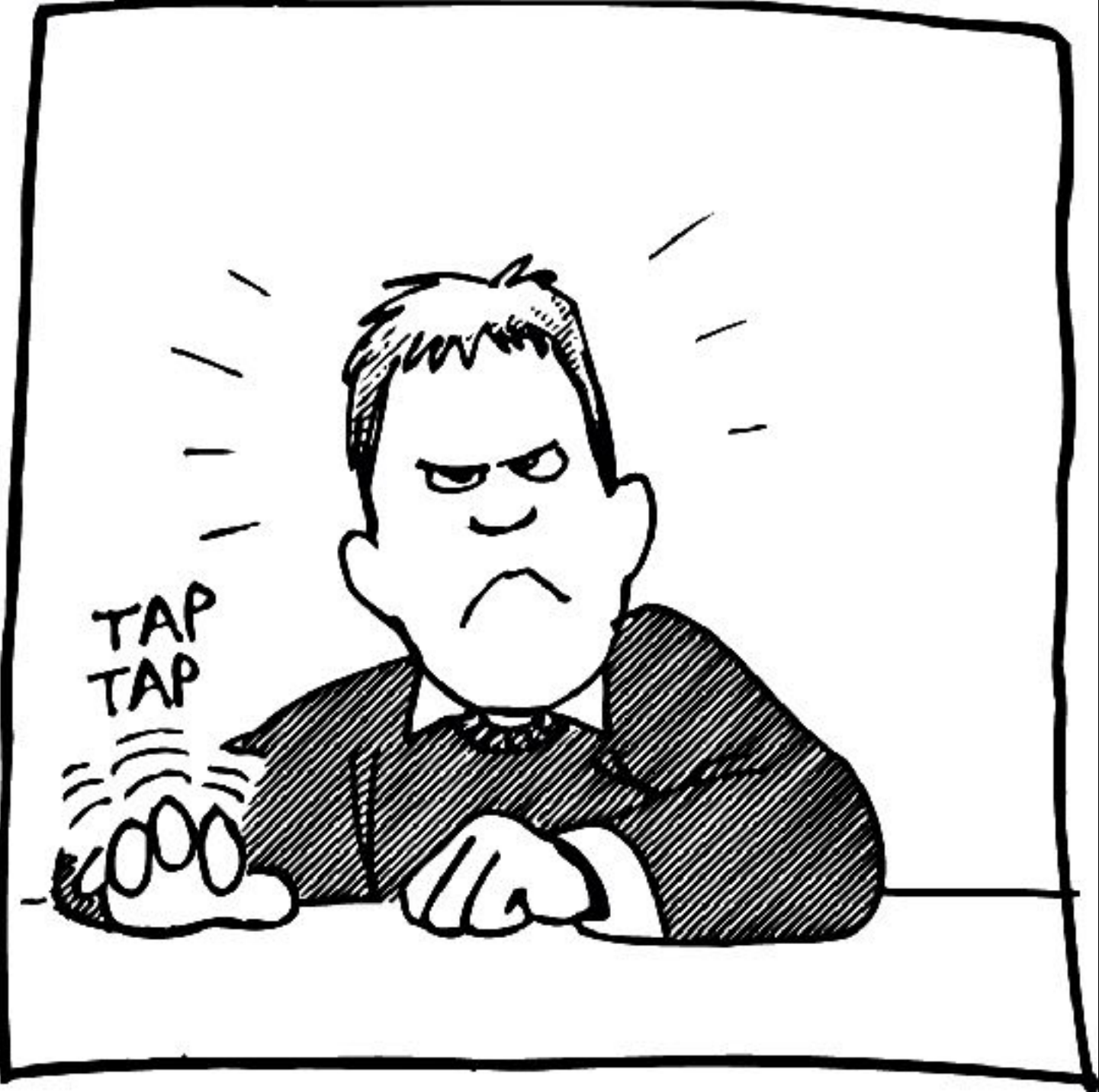




# Giving up our entitlement:

- Costs us personally
- Increases our freedom
- Extends our credibility
  - Someone cuts you off in traffic
  - Someone ruins your food
  - Someone creates a big mistake or opportunity for you at work
  - Someone fails you personally





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- 18) What then is **my** reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel **I** may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of **my** rights as a preacher of the gospel.
- 19) Though **I** am free and belong to no one, **I** have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.
- 20) To the **Jews** **I** became like a **Jew**, to win the **Jews**. To those under the law **I** became like one under the law (though **I** myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.
- 21) To those **not having the law** **I** became like one **not having the law** (though **I** am not free from **God's** law but am under **Christ's** law), so as to win those **not having the law**.
- 22) To the **weak** **I** became **weak**, to win the **weak**. **I** have become all things to all people so that by all possible means **I** might save some.

- 23) I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.
- 24) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.
- 25) Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
- 26) Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.
- 27) No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified [for the prize.]







- 1) For I do not want **you** to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that **our ancestors** were **all** under the cloud and that **they all** passed through the sea.
- 2) **They** were **all** baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.
- 3) **They all** ate the same spiritual food
- 4) and drank the same spiritual drink; for **they** drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied **them**, and that rock was **Christ**.
- 5) Nevertheless, **God** was not pleased with most of **them**; **their** bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

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- 6) Now these things occurred as examples to keep **us** from setting **our** hearts on evil things as **they** did.
- 7) Do not be idolaters, as some of **them** were; as it is written: "The **people** sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry."
- 8) **We** should not commit sexual immorality, as some of **them** did--and in one day twenty-three thousand of **them** died.
- 9) **We** should not test **Christ**, as some of **them** did--and were killed by snakes.

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- 10) And do not grumble, as some of **them** did--and were killed by the destroying angel.
- 11) These things happened to **them** as examples and were written down as warnings for **us**, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.
- 12) So, if **you** think you are standing firm, be careful that **you** don't fall!
- 13) No temptation has overtaken **you** except what is common to mankind. And **God** is faithful; he will not let **you** be tempted beyond what **you** can bear. But when **you** are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that **you** can endure it.

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- Idolatry
- Sexual Immorality
- Testing God
- Complaining