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Lesson #9 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Priority (I Corinthians 9)

Introduction: We are in a series entitled: "SAINTS CAN OVERCOME." Before addressing the problems in Corinth... Paul called the brethren "saints" (I Corinthians 1:2). He knew they could overcome their problems if they focused on more important things. Today we will talk about overcoming problems regarding our priorities. Please open your Bible to I Corinthians chapter 9. Let's read and study together...

Discussion:

I. What Is The Problem?

- The absence of a godly mentor.
I Corinthians 9:1-6, Job 36:12, Proverbs 29:18, Hosea 4:6, Matthew 9:36
- The abuse of a godly man.
I Corinthians 9:7-18, Deuteronomy 25:4, Luke 10:7, Romans 1:16, I Peter 3:16
- The anxiety of a godly mission.
I Corinthians 9:19-27, 8:9-13, Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, Acts 16:3, 18:18, 21:24-26

II. How Can We Overcome It?

- The role of man vs. the role of God
I Corinthians 9:1-2, Proverbs 29:23, Matthew 23:12, Luke 14:11, James 4:10, I Peter 5:6
- Physical rewards vs. spiritual rewards
I Corinthians 9:8-18, Matthew 6:24, Mark 10:29-30, Luke 16:13, Ephesians 3:20
- A temporal crown vs. an eternal crown
I Corinthians 9:24-27, I Thessalonians 2:19-20, II Timothy 4:6-8, Revelation 2:10

Conclusion: Where are your priorities? We have to take our eyes off of ourselves. We put the "I" in idolatry. The problems in Corinth were deep rooted, but they could be solved. They needed to learn to re-think their priorities. Saints can overcome problems with idolatry. We need to redirect our focus toward Jesus Christ. Are you choosing righteousness or unrighteousness? Are you seeking the will of God? We are Saints. We can overcome.