

Sermon Title: "The Singular Aim of a Gospel Servant"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Pastor Stephen Schultze Sunday, April 18, 2021

Introduction:

Scripture: Mark 8:35; 10:44-45

Paul was a living example of effective **Gospel** service.

1. Effective gospel servants are to be free from human mastery. (v. 19a) Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:17

2. Effective gospel servants are to be moved by human need. (v. 19b, 20-22) Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

Breaking the Sound Barriers:

- Natural Sound Barrier
- Spiritual Sound Barrier
- Gospel Sound Barrier
- 3. Effective gospel servants are to be focused on a single <u>aim</u>. (v. 19c, 22c-23)

 Scripture: Proverbs 11:30;1 John 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Peter 2:9

Conclusion: The believer who remembers what they once <u>were</u> and rejoices in who they now <u>are</u> will be a more effective servant of the Gospel!

Questions to Consider:

- 1. What did Paul mean when he said he was "free from all"?
- 2. How did Paul make himself a "servant to all"?
- 3. Paul's aim was to "win more" and "save some". What was his role in the Gospel work?
- 4. What does it mean to "become all things to all people"? How does this make us more effective as Gospel servants?
- 5. How can our attitude, perspective or approach be an obstacle to the Gospel?
- 6. How can you implement Paul's example as an effective servant in your own life?