



A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

HOLINESS IN FREEDOM

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

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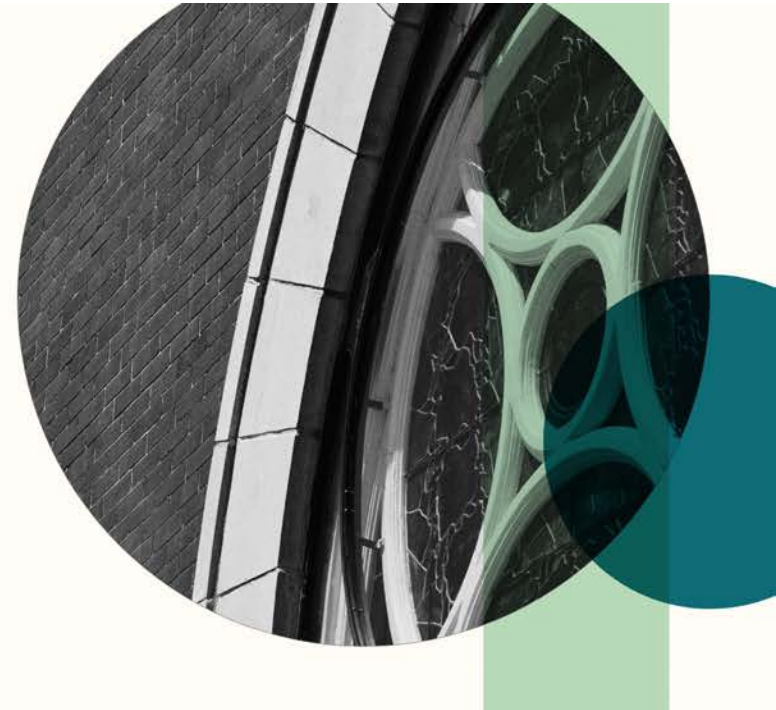
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1 Corinthians 9:1-2 ^{NIV}

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?
² Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.



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1 Corinthians 9:24 ^{NIV}

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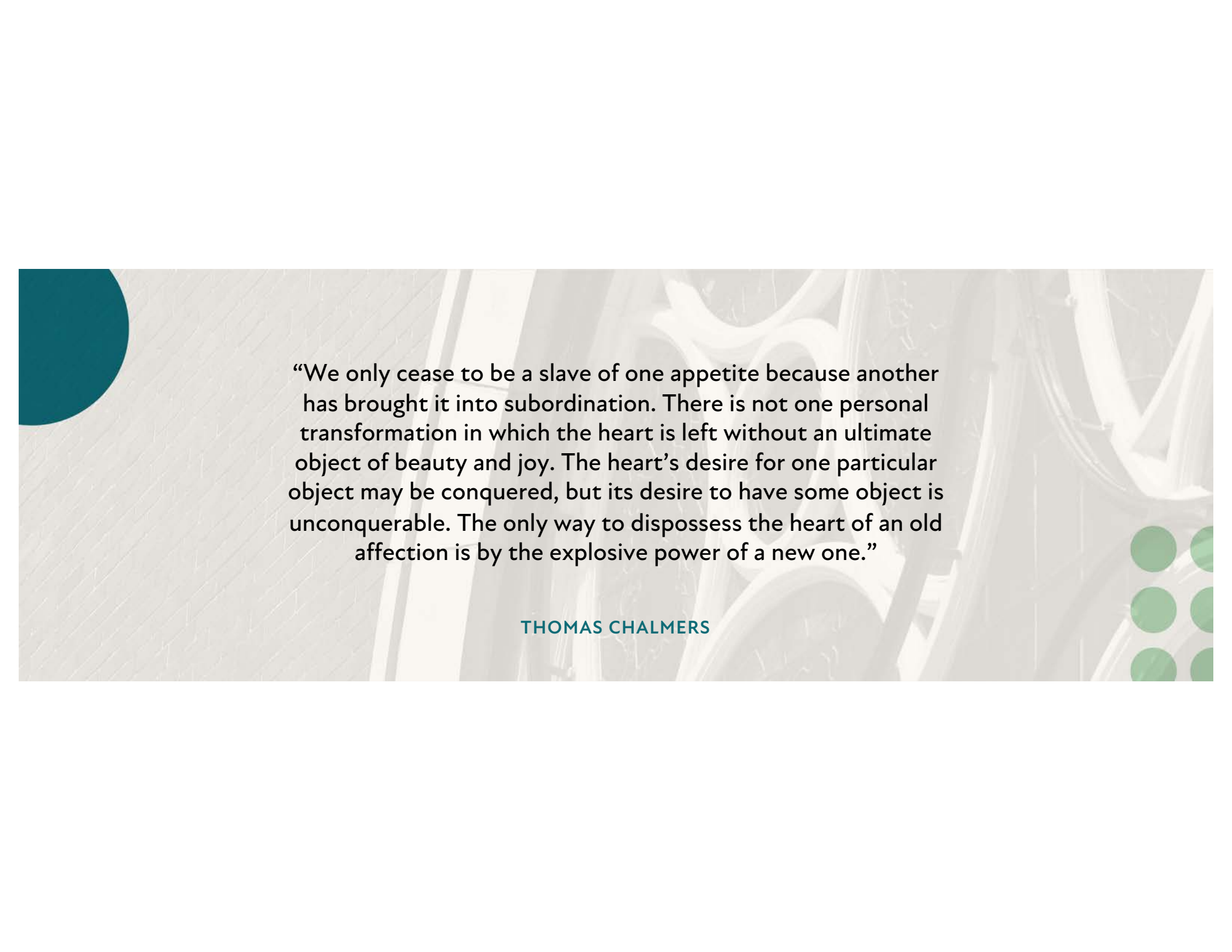
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“We only cease to be a slave of one appetite because another has brought it into subordination. There is not one personal transformation in which the heart is left without an ultimate object of beauty and joy. The heart’s desire for one particular object may be conquered, but its desire to have some object is unconquerable. The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the explosive power of a new one.”

THOMAS CHALMERS

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1 Corinthians 9:23 ^{NIV}

I do all this for the sake of the **gospel**, that I may share in its blessings.



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1 Corinthians 1:11-12 ^{NIV}

My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."



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1 Corinthians 9:3-4, 6 ^{NIV}

This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me.

⁴ Don't we have the right to food and drink?

⁶ Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?



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1 Corinthians 9:7-9, 13 ^{NIV}

Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸ Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned?

¹³ Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?



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1 Corinthians 9:11-12 ^{NIV}

If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹² If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?



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1 Corinthians 9:12b, 15^{NIV}

But we **did not use this right**. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

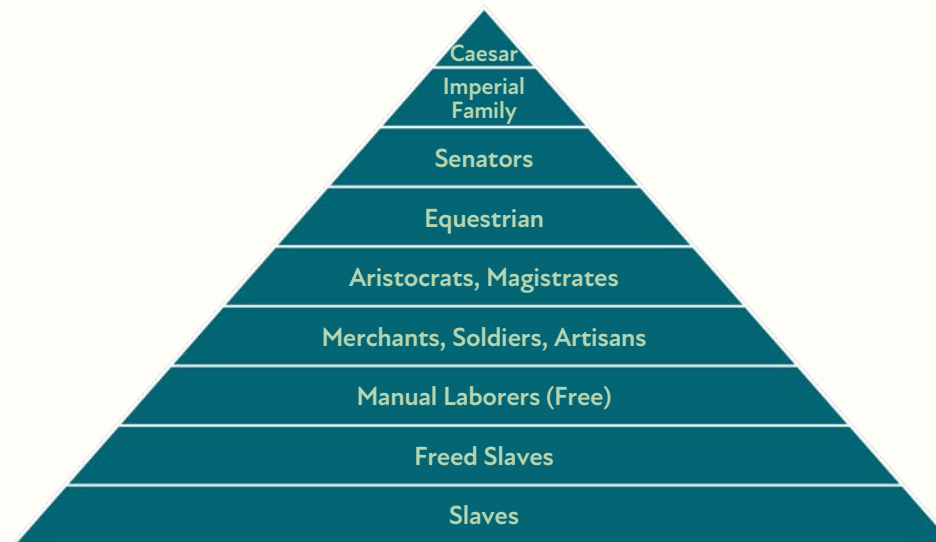
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1 Corinthians 9:19-22 ^{NIV}

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.

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Acts 18:1-3 ^{NIV}

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a **tentmaker** as they were, he **stayed and worked with them**.



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1 Corinthians 9:17 ^{NIV}

If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me.



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1 Corinthians 9:25a

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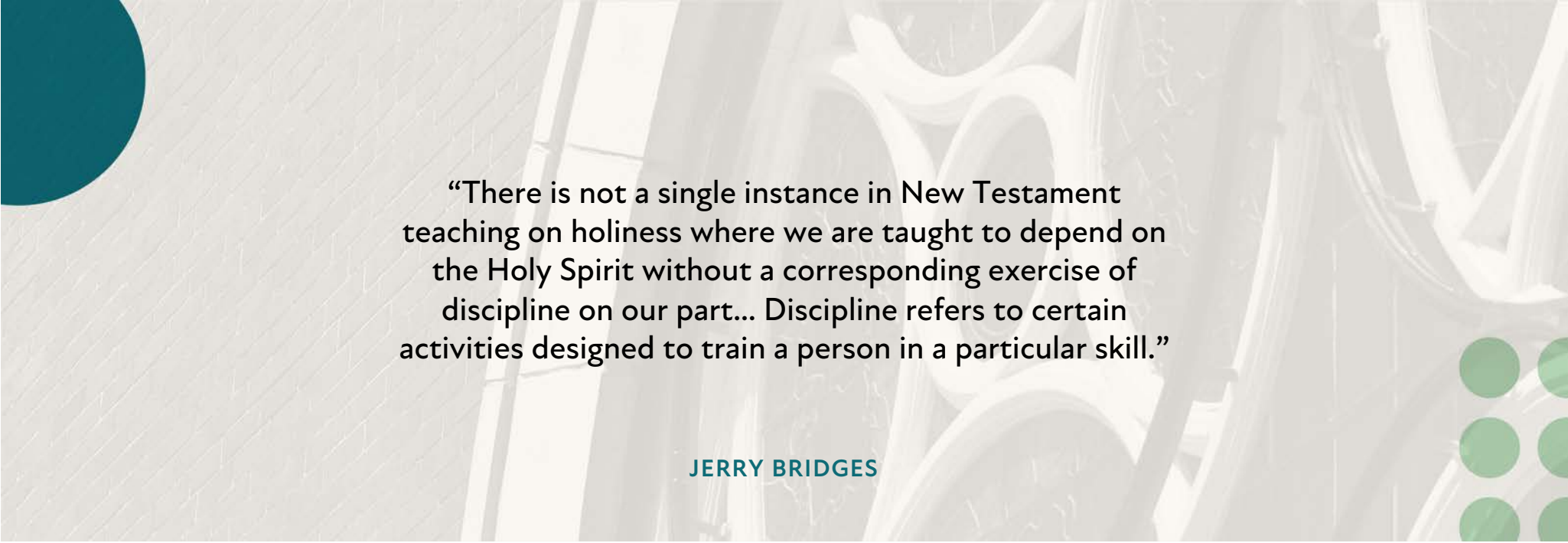


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1 Corinthians 9:25a, 26-27 ^{NIV}

Everyone who competes in the games goes into **strict training**.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.





“There is not a single instance in New Testament teaching on holiness where we are taught to depend on the Holy Spirit without a corresponding exercise of discipline on our part... Discipline refers to certain activities designed to train a person in a particular skill.”

JERRY BRIDGES

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1 Corinthians 11:1 ^{NIV}

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.



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