1. Are we not under a Deity? Do we not have a Lord Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2. If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

3. Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

4. Have we not power to eat and to drink?

5. Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and [as] the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

6. Or I only and Barnabas, have we not power to forbear working?

7. Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planted a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who fedareth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
8. Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

9. For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

10. Or saith he [it] altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, [this] is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that soweth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, [is it] a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

12. If others be partakers of [this] power over you, [are] not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.
1. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy lives live [of the things] of the temple? and which wait at the altar are partners with the altar?

2. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

3. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

4. But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for [it were] better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

5. For if I do this thing unwillingly, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. But woe is unto me, if I make not the things that are necessary!
What is my reward then? (Verily) that, when I preach the gospel, I may speak the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

To the weak became I as weak, that I might by all means save some.
20 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with [you].

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that.striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beareth the air.