

“Mr. Right, Part 1 (Show Me the Money)”

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 9:1-14

BIG IDEA: Authentic Churches compensate full-time ministers.

*“...those who preach the gospel
should earn their living by the gospel.”
1 Corinthians 9:14b (CSB)*

Compensation is right for ministers because:

☞ **An apostle deserves it. (v1-6)**

☞ **A professional earns it. (v7)**

☞ **The OT requires it. (v8-12)**

☞ **The OT demonstrates it. (v8-13)**

☞ **The Lord commands it. (v14)**

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THINK: Consider Paul’s “defense” of his rights to ministry compensation, and then ask yourself these questions: *Have you ever been denied compensation for work you’ve done? Why does Paul make such a big deal about being an apostle? What rights does he have as an apostle? How does he illustrate his right to financial compensation? Do you think Paul is denying the other apostles, prophets, teachers, and preachers to their pay? How do you feel about ministers receiving compensation for their work in the ministry?*

DO: Who ministers the truth of God’s Word to you as an occupation? How can you be sure they are fairly compensated for their work in the ministry?