

~PARTAKE (35)

[English, participate, share, contribute, involve yourself in, play a part, assist, join, Opposite of, **refrain**]

- Paul showed that in the **First Century** Congregation of Christians that some men, working in behalf of the congregation, partook of their authority to have their needs taken care of by the congregation, but Paul preferred to be self-sufficient as much as possible and did not take this authority to himself though deserving of it.
- If other men **partake** of this authority over you, do we not much more so? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this authority, but we are bearing all things, in order, that we might not offer any hindrance to the Good News about the Christ. (**1 Corinthians 9:12**)
- Paul uses the illustration that the farmer is the first to **partake** of the fruits of his labors, showing that elders who work with the word of God diligently will first be fed with understanding and then they can feed others. Therefore men who do not do personal study cannot become elders, or teachers.
- The hardworking farmer must be the first to **partake** of the fruits. (**2 Timothy 2:6**)
- Paul reasons that our fleshly fathers used to discipline us according to what seemed good to them, but Yehowah does so in order for us to **partake** of his holiness.
- For they for a few days used to discipline us according to what seemed good to them, but he does so for our profit that we may **partake** of his holiness. (**Hebrews 12:10**)