

# Acts 20:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

## Analysis

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'I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.' Financial integrity protected ministry credibility. Paul rejected any accusation of mercenary motive. Freedom from covetousness demonstrated gospel sincerity.

## Historical Context

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Traveling teachers were sometimes suspected of financial exploitation. Paul's manual labor (v.34) demonstrated that ministry wasn't for material gain.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does financial integrity protect ministry credibility?
2. What does freedom from covetousness communicate about gospel motivations?

## Interlinear Text

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| ἀργυρίου | ἢ     | χρυσίου | ἢ     | ἱματισμοῦ | οὐδενὸς  | ἐπεθύμησα·     |
| silver   | or    | gold    | or    | apparel   | no man's | I have coveted |
| G694     | G2228 | G5553   | G2228 | G2441     | G3762    | G1937          |

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 11:9** (Parallel theme): And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

**1 Corinthians 9:12** (Parallel theme): 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 should hinder the gospel of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 9:18** (Parallel theme): What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

**1 Corinthians 9:15** (Parallel theme): 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.

**2 Corinthians 7:2** (Parallel theme): Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

**1 Thessalonians 2:5** (Parallel theme): For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: