

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

I. ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

- Paul reiterates, “All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful.” His expanded Corinthian quote is a check to Christian liberty run amok.
- True Christianity seeks the good of others over the good of self, even when liberties are at stake (Rom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:4).

II. PRACTICAL WISDOM

- Paul now concludes his response to the question posed in chapter eight, verse one, saying, eat whatever you want without raising questions, but consider your company (Vss. 25-29).
- The earth is the Lord’s, and everything it contains. Christians are at liberty to make use of all things with wise application (Ps. 24:1; 1 Cor. 8:8; Gal. 5:1).
- There is no sin (by necessity) in what we choose to eat or drink. Sin emerges when we do so to the detriment of others (Vss. 28-29; 1 Cor. 8:9-13).
- When we defer to others, it does not imply a lack of liberty; it demonstrates the love of Christ (Vss. 29-30).

III. THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

- The heart of the gospel is love (Matt. 22:37-40; Rom. 13:8; 1 Cor. 13:1-3).
- Grace and faith are working gifts. We must share what they have produced in us with others (Acts 20:35; Titus 2:11-14, 3:1-2).
- Everything we do is to be done to the glory of God. The goal is gospel life. The goal is the salvation of human souls (Vss. 31-33).
- Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. We should imitate Paul, because he was busy imitating Jesus (Vs. 11:1; Phil. 3:17).

KNOW: All things are lawful for those called by Christ, but not all things benefit us or others. Our goal should always be the advantage of others over our own advantage, and ultimately, the glory of God in the salvation of sinners.

DO: Whatever you do, do it to the good of others and the glory of God.

Suggested Reading:

The Heart of the Gospel by Robert Coleman
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

His Grace is Enough by Melissa Kruger
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

What is God Like? by Kathleen Bostrom
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

Next Week's Text: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read I Corinthians 10:23-11:1

1. What is the thrust of Paul's argument here? Is it understandable and applicable?
2. So, can we do anything we want as Christians?
3. Is Paul's practical advice applicable to other situations in our lives other than eating and drinking? How?
4. Why is it so hard to consider others before ourselves?
5. How do we live to the glory of God?
6. How will you apply this passage/message to your life?