

Thoughtfulness in Liberty

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. Introduction (1:1-9)**
- II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**
- III. Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)**
 - a. Confusion with Marriage (7:1-24)
 - b. Confusion with Getting Married (7:25-40)
 - c. Christian Liberty Abuses (8:1 – 11:1)

A. The priority of love over knowledge (8:1-3)

The general thought-pattern leads to the conclusion that love is more valuable than knowledge:

1. We know things. *“We know that we all have knowledge.”*

2. Knowledge is not necessarily helpful, but rather exalts the one who has knowledge. *“Knowledge puffs up,”*

3. Love, rather than knowledge, is beneficial. *“but love edifies.”*

4. Letting knowledge lead is foolish. *“And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.”*

5. Letting love for God lead is sufficient (even if we have little knowledge). *“But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.”*

