

Everything is Worship

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. **Introduction (1:1-9)**
- II. **Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)**
- III. **Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)**
 - c. Christian Liberty Abuses (8:1 – 11:1)

What is a Christian Liberty?

An area of liberty is a practice or activity, not sinful of itself nor specifically commanded against in Scripture, which a Christian is free to participate in under certain circumstances, but which may become sinful if the liberty is used in excess or in conflict with loving others.

A. Principles for Liberty (10:23-24)

**Three questions to ask when considering whether to make use of your liberty:*

- QUESTION 1: **Can I?**

- QUESTION 2: **What good is it for me?**

- QUESTION 3: **What good it is for others?**

²³ All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful;
all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

²⁴ Let no one seek his own,
but each one the other's *well-being*.

B. Different Situations Require Different Decisions (10:25-30)

1. Use your liberty when you can (v25-27)

- Example: At the meat market (v25-26)
 - Buy any meat you wish, choosing not to focus on idol worship (v25)
 - Why? Because God is the source and owner of all things (v26)
- Example: In someone's home (v27)
 - Eat, but don't talk about idol worship when eating meat that might be associated with idol worship (v27)

2. Limit the use of your liberty when it is best (v28-30)

- Example: In someone's home (v28)
 - Don't eat the meat if someone tells you that it is dedicated to idols (v28a)
 - Why? Because of how the other person will think about it (v28b-30)

C. God's Glory Above All (10:31-11:1)

1. "Do all to the glory of God" is the overall, guiding principle. (10:31)

³¹Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2. Deciding to limit ourselves can keep us from getting in the way of God's glory. (10:32-33)

3. Serving others like Paul is serving others like Christ. (11:1)

***We can glorify our worthy God in all that we do
by our loving service for others.***