

I Corinthians

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27 If some unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. 28 But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake— 29 the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? 30 If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— 33 even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. NIV

Their specific issue: Eating meat sacrificed to idols...10:23-30

What *strong* warning has Paul just issued? 10:20-22; Ex.20:5, 34:14; Deut.4:14, 32:16

So how do we understand this when compared to 10:23? 6:12; 6:9-10; 8:9

To clarify '*not everything is constructive (edifying)*', what is added? 10:24; Phil.2:3-4

What is the principle Paul lays down for us next? 10:25-26

What is *permitted* for believers in 10:27? 5:9-10; ITim.4:4

However, what IF it's intentionally pointed out that 'this has been offered in sacrifice'? 10:28

What is **THE issue/principle** at play here? 10:29b-30; Rom.14:16; IICor.8:21; IThess.5:22

This *universal* principle explained...10:31-11:1

How does Paul answer this (10:29b-30) question? 10:31; Col.3:17, 23; IPet.4:11

What is the *specific point* regarding how you glorify God, in this passage? 10:32; IICor.6:3

Finally, what is Paul's example to them (and us)? 10:33-11:1; Rom.15:2-3; IIThess.3:6-8

Guidelines for my rights: Does it 1) glorify God 2) edify me 3) edify others (no stumbling block)
How are you exercising these truths in your life??

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Believers are forbidden from participating in the worship of idols (cup of demons).

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'All things are lawful' always refers to 'gray areas' that are not specifically forbidden.

To clarify 'not everything is constructive (edifying)', what is added? 10:24; Phil.2:3-4

The test is not just 'is it constructive for me' but 'is it constructive (edifying) for others'.

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Don't go around looking for issues! Everything in the earth is the Lords! Cool it!!

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Eating w/unbelievers. And don't interrogate them about everything they serve!

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Then don't eat, for their sake and for their conscience' sake. Limit your freedom for him!

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I'm thankful for God's provision. Why should I be limited because of his conscience??

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First of all, in everything you do, do it all to the glory of God. Eating, drinking, whatever.

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Don't be a stumbling block for anyone! Jew, Gentile, believers. Give up your rights!!

Finally, what is Paul's example to them (and us)? 10:33-11:1; Rom.15:2-3; IIThess.3:6-8

Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ! Not my good but theirs; for Gospel!

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