



A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

HOLINESS IN FREEDOM: UNITY

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Seek the good of others for
the sake of the gospel.



I Corinthians 6:12 ^{NIV}

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.



THE EXERCISE OF FREEDOM IS DEFINED BY THE BENEFIT IT BRINGS TO OTHERS

I Corinthians 10:23-24 ^{NIV}

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive.

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Mark 9:33-37 ^{NIV}

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”



Mark 10:41-45 ^{NIV}

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



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DON'T MAKE AN ISSUE OF INSIGNIFICANT MATTERS— GOD OWNS IT ALL

I Corinthians 10:25-27 ^{NIV}

Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, ²⁶ for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” ²⁷ If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.



Acts 10:9-13 ^{NIV}

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³ Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”



Acts 10:14-15 ^{NIV}

“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” ¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”



BE WISE AND SENSITIVE TO THE CONSCIENCE OF ONE WHO MAY BE OFFENDED BY YOUR FREEDOM

I Corinthians 10:28-30 ^{NIV}

But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. ²⁹ I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being 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?

GLORIFY GOD BY SEEKING TO BENEFIT OTHERS FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR SALVATION

I Corinthians 10:31-11:1 ^{NIV}

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 everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. ¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

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