

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul's first epistle (letter) to the church of Corinth was written in order to assist them in dealing with various issues with which they were struggling.
- * Living in a hedonistic, licentious society can have an affect upon the "set-apartness" of the individual believer and gathering of believers.
- * The section of Paul's epistle that we have been studying recently has been focused primarily on the expression of our "liberty" as Christians in light of our redemption in Christ. As we began considering this section, we saw Paul quote the typical libertarian view: "All things are lawful for me!" He then addressed the Greek philosophy of gnosticism that had begun invading the church with a consideration of true knowledge and it's implication upon our relationship with others in the body - when I cause another believer to stumble, I am actually sinning against Christ! Paul then applied this to his own life revealing how he had sacrificed his "rights" for the good of others.
- * Today, we see Paul's culmination of this subject with a review of the primary discussion points but leaving us with a new perspective on Christian Liberty ... and that is Christian Responsibility.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE P _____ GOVERNING RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (v. 23-30)****A. C _____ (v. 23-24)**

1. ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME! (cf. 6:12)
 - * ... but not all things _____ (cf. 1 Cor 6:12; 10:33; 12:7; John 16:7)
 - * ... but not all things _____ (cf. Luke 6:46-49; Acts 9:31; Eph 4:29)
2. LET NO ONE SEEK HIS OWN, BUT EACH ONE THE OTHER'S WELL-BEING (cf. 1 Cor 9:19-23; Phil 2:3-5; 19-22)

B. I _____ (v. 25-30)**II. THE C _____ GOVERNING RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (v. 31-33)****A. Give _____ to _____ In Whatever You Do (v. 31)**

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 - * cf. Luke 10:27-37; Galatians 5:13-14; James 2:8-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-9; John 15:12-14; Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 5:8-10

INTROSPECTION

- * DO YOU DO THINGS THAT COULD BE A "STUMBLING BLOCK" TO BELIEVERS, OR UNBELIEVERS?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR "RIGHTS" TO THOSE ACTIVITIES FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS?
- * HOW IMPORTANT IS THE EDIFICATION OF OTHERS TO YOU?
- * DO YOU PREFER TO DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD ... OR ... ALL TO THE PLEASURE OF SELF?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Where do we "draw the line" between "stumbling blocks" and "pet-peeves"?
- * How should we, as an assembly, seek to apply these principles and commandments regarding Christian Liberty and Christian Responsibility?
- * How do these principles and commandments affect our fellowship with one another outside of the assembly?
- * Is the over-riding principle people-focused, or God-focused? How does the answer to that question affect our application of the principles?