

Believers Together – Discovering the Word of God – Thursday, October 31st, 2024.

The Believer's Freedom—1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

Topics: Believers, Conscience, Example, Freedom, Glory, Sacrifice, Salvation, Thankfulness, Unbelievers

Open It

1. When have you enjoyed doing something that benefited someone else?

1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1 (ESV)

²³**“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.**

²⁴**Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.**

²⁵**Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience.**

²⁶**For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.”**

²⁷**If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.**

²⁸**But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience—**

²⁹**I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience?**

³⁰**If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?**

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

³²**Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,**

³³**just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.**

1 Cor. 11:1

¹**Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.**

Explore It

2. What qualifications go with the adage, “Everything is permissible”? (10:23–24)
3. How did Paul resolve the dilemma of whether to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols? (10:25–26)
4. What stipulations did Paul place on eating meat served in an unbeliever’s home? (10:27–30)
5. Under what conditions were the Corinthians not to eat meat offered in sacrifice? (10:28–29)
6. In what areas of life can we glorify God? (10:31)
7. What overriding value governs why we do what we do? (10:33)
8. Whose example should all Christians follow? (11:1)

Get It

9. What principles can we learn here about making difficult ethical decisions?
10. How does Christian use of freedom contrast with our society’s idea of freedom?

Apply It

11. How could you remember to do every task or activity this week for God’s glory?