

Together: study of 1 Corinthians
“Guidelines for best using your Christian freedom”
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
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1. Will my decision build someone up?

²³ “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. 1 Corinthians 10:23

◆ **Süm-fe’-rō: to lift; to bear together; carry with others; be helpful; beneficial**

◆ **Oi-ko-do-me’-ō: to edify; to build up; to construct; to build a house**

2. Is it the loving thing to do?

²⁴ No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:24

3. Am I being legalistic ?

²⁵ 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. 1 Corinthians 10:25-27

4. Will this lead someone to sin ?

²⁸ 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?
³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks, or the church of God — 1 Corinthians 10:28-30, 32

5. Will this glorify God?

³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

◆ **Doxa: weighty; substantial; view or opinion; glory**

6. Will this lead someone to Jesus ?

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 Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:33-11:1

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why did this stand out to you? Be specific. Be vulnerable.
2. Explain the difference between tolerating differences and condoning wrong behavior. Has there ever been a time when you may have condoned a wrong behavior because it was perceived you tolerated it? If so when?
3. Based upon what Pastor Shawn outlined, what is the relationship between our freedom to enjoy all of life and our limitations out of love for our sisters and brothers in Christ?
4. What practices in your life do you consider “permissible” but possibly not beneficial or constructive (v.23)?
5. What is meant by causing our weaker brothers and sisters to stumble in their faith? (v.32)?
6. What are you currently giving up so that someone may be (a) built up? (b) not stumble? (c) be lead to Jesus?

7. What do you think it means to glorify God in your daily life? List one or two practical ways you live for God's glory.