

"HOW TO USE YOUR LIBERTY FOR THE LORD"

I CORINTHIANS 10:23-11:1

I. TWO PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS TO ASK (10:23-24)

A. Is It Helpful? (10:23)

1. A Christian Should Only Use His Liberty When It Is Spiritually Profitable To Do So
2. A Christian Should Only Use His Liberty When Both His Brother And He Are "Built Up" By The Activity

B. Is It Brotherly (10:24)

1. A Christian Should Not Use His Liberty Exclusively For His Own Gratification
2. A Christian Should Use His Liberty For The Benefit Of His Christian Brother

II. THREE PRACTICAL SCENARIOS TO CONSIDER (10:25-28)

A. The Marketplace - Don't Ask - Conscience Clear (10:25-26)

1. The Corinthian Christian Could Eat Meat From The Market Place If The Issue Of Idolatry Or Fellowship With Demons Is Not Introduced (10:25)
2. The Corinthian Christian Could Eat Meat From The Market Place If He Recognizes That The True God Is The Source Of All Food Both Animal & Vegetable (10:26)

B. The Pagan Home - Don't Ask - Conscience Clear (10:27)

C. The Pagan Religious Dinner (10:28-30)

1. You Should Not Eat "*For His Sake That Shewed it*" (28)
2. You Should Not Eat Out Of Concern For The Conscience Of The Weaker Brother "*And For Conscience Sake*" (28)
3. You Should Not Eat Because There Are Many Other Foods That Would Not Violate Someone's Conscience "*For The Earth Is The Lord's And The Fullness Thereof*" (28)
4. You Should Not Eat Because You Know Your Liberty Will Be Judged By Its Effect On The Conscience Of The Weak Brother

Or Pagan And not Your Own *"Why Is My Liberty Judged Of Another Man's Conscience"* (29)

5. You Should Not Eat If There Is The Potential That A Brother Or Unsaved Might Speak Evil Of Your Use Of Liberty *"For If I By Grace Be A Partaker, Why Am I Evil Spoken Of For That For Which I Give Thanks?"* (30)

III. TWO PRINCIPLES THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD LIVE BY (10:31-11:1)

- A. Do All To God's Glory (10:31)
- B. Do Nothing To Offend (10:32-11:1)