

The Believer's Freedom - 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

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

Open It

1. When was a time you were talked into participating in an activity that you later regretted?
- * 2. When have you enjoyed doing something that benefited someone else?

Explore It

3. What are we free to do? How? (10:23)
- * 4. What qualifications go with the adage, "Everything is permissible"? (10:23-24)
5. What is the guiding principle on our freedom? (10:24)
6. How did Paul resolve the dilemma of whether to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols? (10:25-26)
- * 7. What stipulations did Paul place on eating meat served in an unbeliever's home? (10:27-30)
8. What were the Corinthian Christians to do if meat being served to them had been sacrificed to idols? (10:28-29)
9. Under what conditions were the Corinthians not to eat meat offered in sacrifice? (10:28-29)
10. In what areas of life can we glorify God? (10:31)
- * 11. What overriding value governs why we do what we do? (10:33)
12. Whose good should we seek? (10:33)
13. Whose example should all Christians follow? (11:1)

Get It

14. What does it mean for a person's freedom to be judged by another person's conscience?
- * 15. What principles can we learn here about making difficult ethical decisions?
- * 16. What do Christians today sometimes avoid buying or doing for conscience' sake?
17. When is it good for a Christian to avoid buying or doing something because other believers are bothered by its association with sin or evil?
18. How does Christian use of freedom contrast with our society's idea of freedom?
19. What does it mean to eat and drink for the glory of God?
20. How might you avoid a situation that would cause another believer to stumble?
21. What is one way you can follow the example of someone who is following Christ?
22. What can you learn from a fellow Christian who is following Christ?
23. How may seeking the good of other people lead to their salvation?

Apply It

24. What is one setting in which you can seek the good of other Christians over your own rights this week? How?
- * 25. Which of your buying or spending habits should you change because of its associations? How?
26. How could you remember to do every task or activity this week for God's glory?