

Doing All that We Do to the Glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

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Paul has, in chapters 8-10, addressed the topic of Christian freedom with two specific issues in mind:

1. _____
2. _____

In what ways have we seen Paul *defend* freedom, while at the same time teaching the Corinthians the *limits* of their freedom and its expression?

FREEDOM for the Christian is not the right to pursue whatever we want, it is the right to pursue whatever is _____.

There are three ‘quality control’ filters through which we must examine our freedoms, so that our freedom is not misused in a destructive way:

1. **Will this expression of freedom result in _____?**

1 Corinthians 10:23 – ²³“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

WORD FOCUS: edify - οἰκοδομῆ (oy-co-do-MAY) to construct a building, to fortify and make strong, to encourage.

We know that the wages of sin is _____ (Romans 6:23). We can also be assured that the wages, the natural consequences of repentance and faith, is _____!

2. **Will this expression of freedom likely cause OFFENSE?**

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 – ³²Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

To ‘give offense’ does not mean to ‘_____ one’s feelings’.

Some offense is unavoidable. (see 1 Cor. 1:23, John 6:53-55)

This prohibition is not against that kind of offense. It is against intentional and unnecessary offense.

3. **Will this expression of freedom _____ God?**

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

Is it possible to do *all* things to the glory of God?

*Because the glory of God is more important to us than our personal freedoms, it is more important to see our Savior exalted in every way than it is to have the license and freedom to behave however we want.

This life that is wholly devoted to the glory of our God is so very different than what we see on display around us in the lost world, so it is a very good thing that God has not left us without _____!