

## Liberty and Legalism

### I. Knowledge and Love (1-6)

Knowledge unaccompanied by love easily becomes arrogance which does not edify.

Christ followers will learn the true nature of God, idols, and love.

### II. Liberty and Love (7-13)

Liberty becomes a stumbling block when its exercise becomes the cause for another to do what is in their conscience, sin.

We need to learn to use love to govern our liberty.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Have you experienced someone with a lot of Biblical knowledge but whose conduct wasn't very godly? What happened and how did it leave you feeling?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-6. Paul is addressing questions about eating meat sacrificed to idols. What might be some modern-day idols? Why would you call them idols?

Paul says "we all have knowledge" (v. 1). Knowledge of what?

What does "knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies" mean?

How do verses 2 & 3 support this knowledge/love statement?

Can you give an example where you have seen this combination of knowledge and love work? Not work?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-13. What does "not all men have this knowledge" mean? Doesn't this conflict with verse 1? Explain.

Who are the "weak" and what does Paul want them to know?

Who are the "strong" and what does Paul want them to know?

4. How does one person's liberty become another person's stumbling block?

5. If Christian liberty always gives in to legalistic views of the weak, how will anyone mature? Do you see anything in this chapter that addresses this?

6. What's your application from this chapter?