1 Corinthians: When Controversy, Questions & Confusion Strike the Body Text: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 ~ Topics: Freedoms, Offending/Building Others Monroe Bible Church September 27, 2020 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

## Rightly Expressing Freedom

## I. More Important than Lawful (10:23-24)

Be more concerned about how your freedom <u>affects</u> others than in <u>enjoying</u> it yourself.

## II. More Important than Eating (10:25-30)

Don't exercise your freedom in the <u>presence</u> of another who <u>believes</u> it is <u>sin</u>.

## III. More Important than Anything (10:31-11:1)

When you <u>curb</u> your freedom to <u>help</u> another you <u>honor</u> God.

<u>Application Questions</u> - 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. Do you think idolatry is present all around you? Explain.
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-24. What similarities and what differences do you see between these verses and 1 Corinthians 6:12 and 8:9-13?

What are some examples of "lawful" things that you can do that would not "profit" or "edify" others because they might think it is sinful?

Give an example of a freedom you do not exercise for the good of others.

3. What instruction does Paul give for eating meat sacrificed to idols at an unbeliever's house in 1 Corinthians 10:25-30?

What is Paul's concern in verses 29b & 30?

Is this a concern of yours? Explain.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. What does it mean to "do all to the glory of God"?

What does it mean to "give offense to" and to "profit" another?

5. In 1 Corinthians chapters 8, 9, and 10 Paul addresses living in the midst of idolatry, and eating food sacrificed to idols in particular. What principles do you see in these chapters that can help guide your conduct today?

Is there one setting, circumstance, or area of conduct in your life in which you especially need to apply one or more of these principles?