

WEEK 5:

DAY 1: CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT EAT FOOD OFFERED TO IDOLS

1 Corinthians 8. 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

1. Last week we studied Christian marriage from 1 Corinthians 7. Paul was answering a question which the people of Corinth asked. Today we will study his answer to another question which they asked.

In 1 Corinthians 7, what does Paul say new Christians should not change?

2. Paul teaches that new Christians should not change their position in life. Today we will study verses from two chapters. All of these verses talk about food sacrificed and offered to idols. The people of Corinth asked Paul about this. Paul said it is better not to eat food that has been offered to idols. He gave two reasons:

- (1) This may cause a weak brother to fall.
- (2) It is food offered to demons.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Corinthians 8:1 to 9.

Do Christians near you have questions about food offered to idols or ancestors?

3. Some Christians have questions about this. There are still many people who offer food to idols. People do this in many ways. Owino is a fisherman. He has his own boat. Sometimes he kills a goat and offers it as a sacrifice to his boat. He believes that if he does this, the spirit of the boat will help him catch fish. He believes the spirit of the boat will keep him safe on the water.

When Owino offers a goat, he asks a witchdoctor to come and help him. He also asks his family and friends to come and eat the meat. Owino has a Christian brother. Owino always invites his Christian brother to come to the feast.

What would you tell Owino's Christian brother to do? _____

4. This can be a hard time for the Christian brother. The verses in Corinthians tell us what to do. Paul teaches us that it is better not to eat food offered to idols.

The city of Corinth was full of idols. People made sacrifices of food to the idols all the time. The food which people bought in the markets was offered to idols before it was sold.

1 Corinthians 8:13:

Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

From this verse, why would Paul not eat meat offered to idols? _____

5. Paul said he would not do it because it would make his weak brother fall. Owino's brother who was a Christian once went to the feast. He said that the boat did not have a real spirit. He said that the sacrifice did not mean anything. But there was a new Christian in the church. He heard that Owino's brother had gone to the feast. As a new Christian, he did not understand that the boat did not have a real spirit.

1 Corinthians 8:10-11:

For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.

What should strong Christians not do that may make weak Christians fall?

6. They should not eat food that has been offered to idols. What Owino's brother said was true. The boat did not have a spirit. Idols do not have life in them. Paul talked about this.

1 Corinthians 8:4:

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence (or life)," and that "there is no God but one." . . . However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through being hitherto accustomed to idols, eat food as really offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled (or spoiled).

What kind of Christians may fall if we eat food offered to idols?

7. This may happen to weak Christians or new Christians. Some new Christians do not understand that idols are not living. Sometimes people who have been Christians for a long time are still weak and do not know this. It is important that Christians help weaker brothers. We should not do anything that will hurt weaker brothers.

1 Corinthians 8:9:

Only take care lest this liberty (or freedom) of yours somehow become a stumbling block (or cause for falling) to the weak.

Paul did not want weak Christians to fall. What did he say we should not do?

8. Paul said he would not eat food offered to idols. In this lesson we are learning two reasons for this. The first reason is that it might cause our weak brother to fall. This is important for us to remember.

1 Corinthians 8:12-13:

Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

If we do something and cause our brother to fall, what two people do we sin against?

9. This verse says that we sin against our brother. It also says that we sin against Christ. This shows us it is important to think about our brothers.

Write the first reason Christians should not eat food offered to idols. Then read the second.

(1) _____

(2) It is food offered to demons.

10. The first reason is that it may cause a weak brother to fall. Now let us learn the second reason.

1 Corinthians 10:20-21:

... what pagans (or unbelievers) sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

Think about these verses. When unbelievers give offerings to idols, to whom are they really giving offerings?

11. Sacrifices offered to idols are really offered to demons. Idols are things made of wood or stone. Sometimes people say that trees and mountains are idols.

Some people worship beside special trees. They say they are worshipping God. What do you think they are worshipping?

12. We will talk about your answer in class. This is a big question for many people. However, I believe these people are really praying to demons.

Demons are the messengers of Satan. Demons are the spirits that do the work of Satan. They come and deceive people. They try to trick people. When people worship trees and stones and idols, Satan is happy. This keeps them from worshipping God in the right way. Read these verses again.

1 Corinthians 10:20-21:

... what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons.

Can a Christian worship both God and demons at the same time? _____

13. We cannot worship God and demons at the same time. If people worship demons or idols, it shows that they do not follow God's way. God's teaching is that we should not have idols. Let us read the first commandment that God gave to Moses.

Exodus 20:4:

You shall not make for yourself a graven image (or idol) or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

When people give sacrifices to idols, to whom are they really offering the food?

14. Paul says they are really offering food to demons. Demons are not something people just imagine. Demons are the angels of Satan. They have power. But their power brings trouble. And the power of God is greater than the power of demons. Jesus defeated Satan and all his demons by rising from the dead. This shows that God's power is greater than the power of Satan.

There are two reasons why we should not eat food offered to idols. Write the first one and read the second.

(1) _____

(2) It is food offered to demons.

15. The first reason is that it may cause a weak brother to fall. Paul said that if he caused a weak brother to fall, he would sin against his brother. He would also be sinning against God.

From today's verses, what is one way in which people worship demons?

16. One way people do this is to offer food to idols. Today, this happens in many ways. Some people offer new grain to a demon mediator. Some offer goats or other animals to the spirits of the ancestors. Some offer a drink to a witchdoctor. These verses can help us understand what Christians should do about these things today.

What is the second reason why Christians should not eat food offered to idols?

17. The second reason is that it is food offered to demons.

What should Christians do if they are invited to a feast where food is offered to the spirits of the ancestors?

18. We will talk about your answer in class.

Write two reasons why Christians should not eat food offered to idols.

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 2: SHEPHERDS SHOULD BE HELPED BY THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

1. Write two reasons why we should not eat food offered to idols.

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. We should not eat this food because it may cause a weak brother to fall. And it is food offered to demons.

Today we will learn that people who preach the gospel have rights. There are certain things which it is right for them to have. This is what we will learn:

(1) It is right for shepherds to make a living from the gospel.

(2) They should be cared for by the people of the church.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Corinthians 9:3 to 12. Read verse 4 again. What does Paul say he has a right to?

3. Paul says church leaders have a right to food and drink. A person who preaches the gospel should get his living from the gospel. This means the men who spend all their time working for God. People should give these men food and other things for living. This is what the Bible teaches.

1 Corinthians 9:14:

In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim (or preach) the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

From this verse, who commanded that those who preach should get their living from the gospel?

4. It is a command of the Lord. This is important.

1 Corinthians 9:4-5:

Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

From these verses, what is the first right of those who preach the gospel?

5. They have the right to get their living. They have the right to food and drink. They also have the right to be married.

Paul went on to say that a soldier is paid by the government. A soldier does not have to pay his own wages. Paul showed that a farmer has the right to eat some of the food that he grows. A person who cares for animals has the right to get some of the milk.

1 Corinthians 9:7:

Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of the fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

What kind of people should get their living from the gospel? _____

6. It is those who preach the gospel. Those who give all their time to the church should be helped by the church. The church should give them a house to live in. It should give them food to eat or money to buy food.

Who commanded that those who preach the gospel should get their living from the gospel?

7. This is a command of the Lord or God. But who should give the shepherd this? It is the work of the people of the church. The believers should bring things to help the shepherd. Perhaps they can bring maize. Or they can bring a chicken or some eggs. Or they can bring money.

1 Corinthians 9:9-10:

For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle (or tie the mouth of) an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake?

What is the right of the man who preaches the gospel? _____

8. He has the right to get his living from the gospel. But the man who gets his living from the gospel must work hard in the church. This right is only for those who give all their time to the church. It is not for those who work for the church on Sunday only.

Who should give the shepherd his living? _____

9. The people of the church must do it. But what about a man like this? Alfred is the shepherd of a small church. He has a small farm where he grows maize. He spends the time during the week working on his farm. Then on Sunday, he works in the church and helps the people. Alfred and his wife get their living from their land.

Do you think the people in the church should give this pastor his living?

10. We will talk about your answer in class. If a man does not spend all his time working in the church, he does not have this right. The church does not have to give him his living. But the people should still give to the church. Perhaps they need to put a new roof on the church building. Or perhaps they need to fix the doors and windows. Or perhaps they should help send someone to preach at a new place. Those who preach and give all their time to the church should get their living from this work.

1 Corinthians 9:12, 15:

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right. . . . But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing this to secure (or get) any such provision (or help).

Did Paul use his right to get his living from the gospel? _____

11. Paul did not use his right. He did not want people to think he preached to get rich. Paul worked at Corinth. He gave his time to preaching the gospel. The people at Corinth should have given him his living. But when they did not give him things, he did not make use of his right. He did not get angry at the people.

Do you think Paul stopped preaching when he did not get his living from the people at Corinth?

12. Paul kept on preaching. But he had to have food and clothes and a place to live. So he worked with his hands. He was not proud. He worked for the things he needed.

Acts 18:2-3:

He stayed with them, and they worked, for by trade they were tentmakers.

Paul was a shepherd. What right did he have? _____

What work did he do to get his living? _____

Who should have taken care of him? _____

13. Paul had the right to get his living from the gospel. But when the people at Corinth did not give him his living, he worked with his hands. He made tents. The reason Paul kept on preaching was that God had called him to this work. He kept on preaching even when he had to work with his hands. Paul wanted to be faithful to God.

1 Corinthians 9:16-17:

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!
For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission (or an important work).

Paul said that he must preach. He was not waiting for his living to be given to him. What did he say would come to him if he did not preach the gospel?

14. He said that woe would come to him. He would have trouble or punishment. God would judge him if he did not preach. He had been given work to do. He knew he must be faithful. Sometimes the people did not care for him. When this happened, he worked with his hands. He made tents.

What people should take care of the needs of the shepherd? _____

15. This is the work of the people of the church. It is good if the shepherd does not have to do other work. It is good if he can give all his time to the church and to preaching.

Perhaps God has called you to do his work. Perhaps he has given you the work of evangelism or teaching in the church. You have the right to a living through this work. What should you do if the people in the church do not give you enough for living?

16. We will talk about this in class.

What is the right of the person who preaches the gospel? _____

Who should take care of the needs of the shepherd? _____

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DAY 3: PAUL BECAME ALL THINGS TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

1. Yesterday we learned about those who give all their time to preach the gospel.

What right do they have? _____

Who should take care of the needs of the shepherd? _____

2. Those who preach have the right to get their living from the gospel. The people of the church should take care of the needs of the shepherd. Today we will learn more about how Paul worked for God. The things we will learn are important for all who want to do this work. This is what we will learn:

- (1) Paul became "all things to all men" to win them to Christ.
- (2) Paul says that a shepherd should have self-control like a runner.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27.

3. In these verses we see that Paul had many rights. He was a free man. He was above the Jewish law. He was strong in the things of God. But Paul did not use his rights. Instead he tried to understand other people and be like them.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23:

I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

From these verses, why did Paul become "all things to all men"? _____

4. Paul did this so that he might save some people. He wanted to bring them to Christ. Paul said he became "all things." He said he used "all means." What does this mean? Did Paul mean that he could do wrong things in order to win others to Jesus? No. Paul would never do wrong things. He would not go to wrong places. He would not sin to bring people to Christ.

To whom did Paul become all things? _____

5. Paul did this to all men. He wanted to win all kinds of people. He wanted to win both Jews and Gentiles. He wanted to win slaves and free people. He wanted to win poor people and rich people.

George is an evangelist. He wants to win people to Jesus. He wants to do this work well. George says that these verses mean he can do anything in order to win people. Sometimes George goes with his friends to the bar. He goes with girls. He says that in this way he will win them to Christ. He says that if he wants to win people he must become like them.

Do you think George understands this verse well? _____

What did Paul become to all men? _____

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6. Paul became all things to all men. He said he would use all means.

1 Corinthians 9:19-20:

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I may win the more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews; to those under the law I became as one under the law--though not being myself under the law-- that I might win those under the law.

Why did Paul become all things to all men? _____

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7. Paul did this so that he could win some to Christ. He wanted to use every way to bring people to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 9:21-22:

To those outside the law I became as one outside the law--not being without law toward God but under the law of Christ--that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak.

From these verses, what did Paul become to those outside the law who were Gentiles?

What did he become to those who were weak? _____

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8. To the Gentiles Paul became as one outside the law. He became like a Gentile. To those who were weak, he became weak. What does this mean? It means that Paul tried to understand other people. He tried to see things as they did. He did not go around arguing with people about small things. Instead he shared their feelings.

Why did Paul become all things to all men? _____

9. Paul did this to win some to Christ. In the rest of this chapter, Paul told how a shepherd is like a man who runs in a race.

1 Corinthians 9:25:

Every athlete (or runner) exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath (or a prize that will die), but we for an imperishable (one that will last).

From this verse, why does a runner use self-control? _____



10. A runner does this to win a prize. There are many famous African runners today. They travel all over the world to run races. They do this so they can win prizes.

Ben is a runner. Because he wants to run well, he gets up early every morning to practise. He runs alone many miles every day. He is careful about what he eats. He takes good care of his body. He does not do many things which his friends do. Sometimes they ask him to go with them, but he says, "No, I must stay home and practise."

When Ben does this, what do we say he has? _____

11. We say that Ben has self-control. Paul says that a shepherd in the church is like a man who runs races. A shepherd must also have self-control. He must rule his desires. He must not follow the desires of his body. He must rule his time. He must not waste it. He must have self-control.

Why does a runner have self-control? _____

12. A runner does this so he can run well and win a prize. It is hard to control ourselves all the time. But this is what God wants us to do. Some people say that when Satan tempts them, they cannot refuse sinful things. But God will help us. He will make us able to control ourselves.

A runner must have self-control. Who else must have self-control? _____

13. All Christians must have self-control. But this is especially true of shepherds. Both answers are right. It is important to remember who should have self-control. This is something we ourselves must do. We must rule ourselves. God will help us. God will give us strength, but we must work to control ourselves too.

Why did Paul become all things to all men? _____

14. Paul did this to win people to Christ. If we are all things to all men, then we have self-control. There will be times when we must put aside our own desires and thoughts. We will sometimes follow the thoughts of others. If we are to win people to Christ, we must keep ourselves in just the way God wants. It means we will have to give up some of our free time.

Why do runners have self-control? _____

15. Runners are like this so they can run well. They want to win a prize. There are rewards for shepherds too. God has promised us a crown if we are faithful.

It was the custom in Paul's time to give a prize to the winner of a race. This prize was a crown of leaves. The leaves were woven together and put on the head of the winner. But after a few days the leaves died. Workers who are faithful to the Lord will get a prize. It will be a prize that will not die. This is what Paul wrote to Timothy.

2 Timothy 4:7-8:

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who loved his appearing.

Paul says that a shepherd is like a runner. What must a shepherd have which a runner has?

16. A shepherd must have self-control. He must control his body. He must control his mind and thoughts. He must control his time. He must be careful in everything he does.

A runner has self-control to win a prize. Why does a shepherd have self-control?

17. You can answer in different ways. A shepherd does this so he will please the Lord. He does it to win others to Christ. He does it to receive a crown in heaven.



What must a shepherd have that a runner has? _____

18. A shepherd must have self-control. Petro is the pastor of a church in a large town. There are many young people who have learned in school. These young people like to go to dances and have many girl friends. Petro wants to win some of these young people to the Lord.

From today's lesson, what can Petro do or not do to win them?

19. We will talk about this in class.

Why did Paul become "all things to all men"? _____

Paul says that a shepherd is like a runner who enters races. What must a shepherd have which a runner has?

WEEK 5

DAY 4 GOD HELPS US OVERCOME TEMPTATION

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1. Why did Paul become all things to all men? _____

Paul says that a shepherd is like a runner. What must a shepherd have which a runner has? _____

2. Paul became all things to all men to win some to Christ. A shepherd must have self-control like a runner.

Today we will learn one big reason why we should read the Old Testament. We will memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13 to show what God has promised about temptation.

(1) We should read the Old Testament to get teaching.

(2) 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that God will not let us be tempted above our strength. He will give us a way to escape.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. Write some of the sins of the people of Israel from these verses.

3. You could have written that they desired evil, or worshipped idols, or committed adultery. Some put the Lord to the test and some grumbled. In these verses Paul tells us why these things are written in the Old Testament. When we read the Old Testament we see that the people did not always obey God.

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11:

Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did....

Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction (or teaching).

From these verses, why were these things written down in the Old Testament?

4. They were written for our instruction or to teach us. We should learn from these things. They are a warning for us. When we read these things, we can learn how to follow God. We can learn what happens when we do not follow God.

What can we read today that will give us this teaching? _____

5. Perhaps you said the Bible. You are right. But a better answer is the Old Testament. Today we are learning that the Old Testament was written to help us in a special way.

In the Old Testament we read about the kings. King David was a very great king. He did many good things. He followed God. But one day he fell into sin. He took another man's wife. Then he killed the woman's husband.

Why do you think this story is written in the Old Testament? _____

6. This true story was written in the Old Testament to teach us. It was written to help us learn how to live for God. David was the king. He did many good things. He worshipped God. He often sang and praised God.

1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed (or be careful) lest he fall.

Read this verse carefully again. What did David not do that made him fall into sin? _____

7. David was not careful. He thought that because he was good and worshipped God, he would not fall. But even though he thought he was strong, he fell.

What is one reason why we should read the stories in the Old Testament? _____

8. In 1 Corinthians 10, we see that we should read the Old Testament to get teaching. The things in the Old Testament are written to help us. They are examples which show us how to live for God.

All people are tempted to sin. This is what the Bible teaches. Sometimes we think we are the only ones who are tempted. But God's word says temptation is common to all people.

1 Corinthians 10:13:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Open your Bible now. Find 1 Corinthians 10:13. Take a pencil and draw lines under this verse.

9. God has promised two things about temptation.

(1) He will not let us be tempted beyond our strength.

(2) He will give us a way of escape.

First God says that the temptation will not be too much for us. He will not let the temptation surpass our strength.

From these verses, what is common to all people?

10. Temptation is common to all people. A few days ago I talked with a friend. He said that sometimes he has temptations. He said he is not strong enough to fight the temptations. He said that when temptations come, he is forced to follow them.

But who has promised that we will not be tempted beyond our strength?

11. This is something God has promised. This verse says that God is faithful. God has promised to help us.

From 1 Corinthians 10:13, what is the first thing God has promised about temptation?

12. He will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. This is God's promise to each of us. We must remember that God does not tempt us. This is the work of Satan. People who are Christians are children of God. God loves his children. He will not let them be tempted too much.

When we are tempted to sin, are we forced to follow the temptation?

13. We do not have to follow the temptation. We are not forced to sin when we are tempted. We can overcome the temptation. There are two things that God has promised about temptation. We are learning these today.

The second thing is that God will give us a way of escape. This means that God will always give us a way to go around the temptation. God will give us a way to refuse the thing we are tempted to do.

What is the first thing God has promised about temptation?

14. First, God promised that he will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. He will keep the temptation from being too big for us.

1 Corinthians 10:13:

....he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide (or give) the way of escape.

From this verse, what will God give us when we are tempted?

15. He has promised to give us a way of escape. Let us look at the life Joseph. Joseph was a young man in Egypt. His master's wife wanted him to commit adultery with her. She wanted Joseph to sin. This was temptation for Joseph.

Genesis 13:12:

She caught him by his garment saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

What did God give Joseph in this temptation?

16. God gave Joseph a way to escape. Joseph ran away from the temptation. We should remember this when we are tempted. God will always give us a way to get away from being tempted. He will also keep us from being tempted beyond our strength.

What is one reason we should read the stories written in the Old Testament?

17. We should read them to get teaching. The Old Testament warns us about not listening to our temptations. Overcoming temptation is very important in the Christian life. To help us overcome, we will memorise this verse.

1 Corinthians 10:13:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Memorise this verse. When you can say it without looking at it, write it to show two things God has promised about temptation.

18. Andrew is a new Christian. He is tempted to do wrong when he is with his old friends. But Andrew has a new Christian friend. He finds that when he is with his new friend, he is not tempted to do wrong. Andrew's new friend is a way of escape. Andrew has decided to spend much time with his new friend.

All Christians are tempted. You are sometimes tempted. Think of a way in which you are tempted. Write one way of escape which God can give you.

19. We will talk about this in class.

From 1 Corinthians 10, write one reason why we should read the stories in the Old Testament.

Write 1 Corinthians 10:13 to show two things God has promised about temptation

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DAY 5: WE MUST BRING GLORY TO GOD IN ALL THINGS

1 Corinthians 10:23 to 11:1

1. From 1 Corinthians 10, write one reason why we should read the stories in the Old Testament.

Write 1 Corinthians 10:13 to show two things God has promised about temptation.

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2. We should read the Old Testament stories to get teaching from them. Find 1 Corinthians 10:13 in your Bible to see if you wrote it right.

In 1 Corinthians 8, Paul answered the question about eating food offered to idols. In chapter 10 Paul talked about this again. Then he finished the chapter by telling how we should decide about all things.

1 Corinthians 10:31:

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

From this verse, how should Christians do all things?

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3: This is the first of the things we will learn today. Here they are:

(1) We should bring glory to God in all things.

(2) Paul did this by trying to live just like Christ.

The Corinthians had many questions. They did not know what was right to do. Paul said again that everything is lawful. This means that as Christians, we are not under the law of Moses any longer. We are free from this law. We do not worship God now by keeping laws. We are free to do many things, but some things do not help us or build us up. Some things do not help our Christian brothers.

Take your Bible now and read 1 Corinthians 10:23-29.

As we have learned, why should we not eat food offered to idols?

(1) _____

(2) _____

4. If we eat food offered to idols, we may cause a brother to fall. Also, food offered to idols is really food offered to demons. Christians are free to eat this food. They know that the idols are nothing. But this would not bring glory to God.

It is important that we bring glory to God. God is our creator. He has given us life. He has saved us. It is God who forgives our sins.

1 Corinthians 10:31:

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

From this verse, in what should we give glory to God? _____

5. Paul said we should give glory in whatever we do. We should give glory in all things. We should do this in church. We should do it when we are at home. We should do it at work. We should be careful what we do wherever we are.

To whom should we bring glory in all that we do? _____

6. We should bring it to God. We should not seek our own glory. We should not try to lift ourselves up. We should not try to show others how good we are. This is what Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus.

Ephesians 3:21:

... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

What should we bring to God in all things that we do? _____

7. We should bring glory to God. What does this mean? It means that when we do things, other people will not see us do wrong. They will not say, "That person says he loves God, but look what he does." Instead, we will do right. In this way, we will help others praise God.

1 Corinthians 10:33:

just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

In what should we bring glory to God? _____

8. We should do this in all things. When we are in church, we should think carefully about what we are doing. At work or school we should think what our acts say to other people. At home we should do things to make our families love God more.

From 1 Corinthians 10:31, how should we do all things? _____

9. We should do all things in a way that brings glory to God. Sometimes we do not know what to do. We do not know if it is right to do a certain thing or not. We can ask this question: "If I do this, will it bring glory to God?" If doing this thing does not bring glory to God, then I should not do it.

1 Corinthians 11:1:

Be imitators (or followers) of me, as I am of Christ.

Whom did Paul imitate or follow? _____

10. Paul imitated Christ. This means that he tried to live just as Jesus lived. He followed the example of Jesus. We have seen that Paul always tried to lift up Christ. In the beginning of his letter to the Corinthians he said that he only wanted to preach Christ to them. Throughout his letter he kept pointing to Jesus. Other apostles did the same. This is what John wrote about trying to be like Jesus.

1 John 2:5-6:

By this we may be sure that we are in him: he who abides in him (Jesus) ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

From 1 Corinthians 10:31, how should Christians do all things? _____

11. We should do all things in a way that brings glory to God. Paul did this. He did not try to lift himself up. He was not seeking his own glory. He was careful to give the praise to God in all that he did.

1 Corinthians 11:1:

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whom did Paul try to be like in all things? _____

12. Paul tried to be just like Christ. He tried to follow Christ's example in everything. Then Paul was able to say to the people that they should follow him. Paul was not proud when he said this. But Paul knew that his life was following the example of Jesus. Paul wanted the people at Corinth to follow him because he was following Christ.

What would the people in your church be like if they always followed your example?

13. Paul gave the people at Corinth a good example to follow. He was able to tell them to follow his example. Paul wrote to Timothy and gave him this teaching.

1 Timothy 4:12:

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Timothy was to give the people a good example. Paul gave the people a good example. The people were able to follow the way these men lived.

Whom did Paul try to be like in all things? _____

14. Paul followed the example of Jesus. We must also follow the example of Jesus. We must read the books in the New Testament called Gospels. These books tell us about the life of Jesus. We can read how he lived. Then we can live in the same way.

Think carefully about this question before you answer. Do you always give people in your church a good example to follow?

15. From 1 Corinthians 10:31, how should Christians do all things?

Whom did Paul try to be like in all things? _____
