Called to be aints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

Christian liberty is the freedom to make personal choices that are consistent with the Word of God, but always motivated by a concern for the welfare of others, the advancement of the Gospel, and the glory of God.

As believers, we should live our lives with the purposeful intention of pleasing God and influencing others for Him.

Determining Right Positions

1 Corinthians 10:23-33, et al.

- A. Choose edification over gratification.
- B. Put the good of others over self.
- C. Enjoy the liberty you have.
- D. Seek to honor God in everything.
- E. Avoid causing offense to anyone.

Methodology for Determining Right Positions ...

1. What does the Bible say about the matter?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

- 1. What does the Bible say about the matter?
 - A. Examine relevant commands & explicit statements.
 - B. Identify general principles & biblical examples.

Romans 14:21

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." 1. What does the Bible say about the matter?

- 2. What does my conscience say?
- 3. Will it be spiritually helpful to me?
- 4. Will it (or could it) control me?

5. Will it cause another believer to stumble?

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- 5. Will it cause another believer to stumble?
- 6. Will it build up other believers?

Romans 14:19

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

- 5. Will it cause another believer to stumble?
- 6. Will it build up other believers?
- 7. Will it hinder my testimony with unbelievers?
- 8. Will it bring glory to God?

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