

Ecclesiastes 8:15a. Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry:...

1 Corinthians 15:32b. ... what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

I. Seek the Best For Others

1 Corinthians 10:27-28 If any of them that believe not bid you *to a feast*, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

²⁸ But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

“It is a mark of maturity when we balance our freedom with responsibility; otherwise, it ceases to be freedom and becomes anarchy.”

1 Corinthians 8:13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Philippians 2:3-4 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

⁴ Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

II. Seek Good Conscience for Others

1 Corinthians 10:29-31 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience?

³⁰ For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

³¹ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Romans 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

III. Seek the Salvation of Others

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: ³³ Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

"All things are lawful," BUT—

1. Will they lead to freedom or slavery? (1 Cor. 6:12)
2. Will they make me a stumbling block or a stepping-stone? (1 Cor. 8:13)
3. Will they build me up or tear me down? (1 Cor. 10:23)
4. Will they only please me, or will they glorify Christ? (1 Cor. 10:31)
5. Will they help to win the lost to Christ or turn them away? (1 Cor. 10:33)