

“Christian Liberty and Love”

I Corinthians 8

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I Corinthians 8 teaches that love is the key.

I. The _____ problem (8:1-3)

II. The _____ problem (8:4-6)

III. The _____ problem (8:7-11)

IV. The _____ problem (8:12-13)

1. _____ - Is the activity necessary, or is it merely an extra that is not really important? Is it perhaps a weight that I should willingly give up? (Heb. 12:1)
2. _____ - “All things are lawful for me,” Paul says, “but all things are not profitable,” or expedient. (1 Cor. 6:12) Is what I want to do helpful and useful?
3. _____ - “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” (1 John 2:6) If we are doing what Christ would do, our action not only is permissible, but is good and right.
4. _____ - Are we setting the right example for others? If we emulate Christ, others will be able to follow our example. (1 Tim. 4:12)
5. _____ - Is my testimony going to be helped or hindered? Will unbelievers be drawn to Christ or turned away from Him by what I am doing? Will it help me conduct myself, “walking in wisdom toward those who are outside”? (Col. 4:5)
6. _____ - Will I/others be built up and matured in Christ; will I/others become spiritually stronger? “All things are lawful, but not all things edify.” (1 Cor. 10:23)
7. _____ - Will the Lord be lifted up and glorified in what I do? God’s glory and exaltation should be the supreme purpose behind everything we do. (1 Cor. 10:31)