

WOMEN OF FAITH, PRACTICING INTEGRITY, AND LIVING IN CHRIST

New Testament Unit - Living In Christ - *Free To Love* - Nov. 26, 2017

Text: 1 Corinthians 8:1 - 9:23

Intro: Christ has set us free to follow Him. In today's lesson, Paul instructs the church at Corinth that this freedom is to be driven by L_____ and C_____ for others.

I. 1 Cor. 8:1-13 We Are Free To Put Others' Well Being Above Our Own Desires

1. (8:1-6) The Christian's Proper Attitude

What can knowledge do to man? What does love do?

What is the danger of knowledge without love? What does 1 Jo.4:7-8 say about this?

Where does humility fit in here?

Define moral indifference.

3 Things that must be considered in this passage about matters of moral indifference:

1. Nothing must be judged merely in light of K_____!
2. Whatever is done must be done so that all must be E_____!
3. There is power in one's E_____!

2. (8:7-13) A Brother's Conscience

What was the problem between the weak brother and the strong brother? What did Paul want them to do?

(8:8-12) What is the responsibility of the strong brother? What was Paul's attitude in vs.13?

What do you think is the responsibility/obligation of the “weaker brother”?

* The issue was not the eating of meat, but the L_____ing A_____ which causes one to sacrifice his liberty for the good of another!

II. 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 We Are Free To Deny Our Personal Rights For The Sake Of The Gospel

1.(9:1-2) What credentials did Paul list to confirm his apostleship/authority?

2.(9:3-14) What rights did Paul claim and what illustrations did he use to support them?

3. (9:15-18) Why did Paul choose not to exercise his “rights to support”?

III. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 We Are Free To Serve Others In Order To Win Them To Christ

1. Paul said that he had made himself a _____ that he might

_____.

2. What did he become to the Jews?

To the Gentiles?

To the weak?

Why did he do this?

3. What did Paul mean by saying he had become “all things to all people”? Was he advocating a “blending or weakening” of the gospel? Why do you think that?

Winter Quarter Studies: NT; Benefits of Belief OT; A Heart Like His Special Topic; Faith & Family

Text for December 3, 2017: 1 Cor.11:17-34 *Putting Others First*