

Love + Liberty

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REVIEW & USE 1 Corinthians 8-11:1

Romans 12:1 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, *by the mercies of God*, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect"

1 Corinthians 8-10: A Personal Growth Inventory

- 1. Do I prioritize being known by God over displays of knowledge? (See v. 1 John 4:7)**
1 Cor. 8:2 "If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. **3** But if anyone loves God, he is *known by God*."
- 2. Am I regularly basking in the grandeur of my Father and the Lord Jesus? (See vv. Col.1:15-17)**
1 Cor. 8:6 "yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and *through whom we exist*."
- 3. Am I guided by affection for Jesus and the people he loves? (See v. Gal. 5:13)**
1 Cor. 8:11 "And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died"
- 4. Do I give the gospel a clear path to reach the people in my life? (See vv. Acts 17:22-23)**
1 Cor. 9:12b "Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ."
- 5. Do I adapt my preferences to those I am with in order to create gospel opportunities?**
1 Cor. 9: 19 "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them...**23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, *that I may share with them in its blessings*."
- 6. Do I exercise self-control with an eternal wreath in view? (See vv. 1 Pet. 1:3-4)**
1 Cor. 9: 25 "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."
- 7. How is my union with Christ and his family shaping my words, actions, and values?**
1 Cor. 10: 16 "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? **17** Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
- 8. In what specific ways can I make my neighbor's good a primary concern? (See v. Matt. 5:16)**
1 Cor. 10: 24 "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

9. **How can I give people in my life a more accurate portrayal of the Father? (See v. 1 Pet. 2:12)**
1 Cor. 10:31 “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to **the glory of God.**”
10. **Am I responding to the call to lead others—by my life—to follow Christ?**
1 Cor. 11:1 “Be imitators of me, **as I am of Christ.**”

Mapping Your “Personal Corinth”

TEMPLES: your participation risks polluting the gospel or stumbling weaker siblings	MARKETS: no risk of polluting or confusing the gospel
HOUSES: opportunities to forego your liberty in order to “trade up”	REUNIONS: opportunities to forego liberty in order to love Christian siblings

Reflection & Discussion

1. **Share** one of the ten growth areas above that you will focus on for the next ten days.
2. **Map out** your “personal Corinth”. Based on the ten growth questions, be clear in your mind how you will engage (or not engage) in each setting. How will you use the “keys” in the related passages from 1 Cor. 8-10 as an encouragement?
3. **Assess your progress.** Do you notice particular areas of difficulty? What truth has been helpful in addressing them?
4. **Share your progress!** Tell a family member or Christian sister or brother what you’re learning, giving thanks to the Father for your riches in Christ

SONGS

“GOD SO LOVED” – Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

“THE LION AND THE LAMB” – Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring

“GREAT ARE YOUR LORD” – David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

“IN CHRIST ALONE” – Kristian Stanfill

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$44,988.91
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,632,077.15
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,657,784.00