

Sermon Notes

No One Should Seek His/Her Own Interests

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1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

10:23-24 Starting principles

All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial or build up.

No one should seek his own interests, but rather, the interests of the other.

The issue of meat sacrificed to idols

10:25-26 If you buy meat in the market, eat without any questioning for the sake of conscience, for all is the Lord's.

If you want to participate in something, and you are confident it causes no problem between you and the Lord (based on His word), and it's not going to cause anyone else any problems, you can do it. In fact, accept it as a gift from Him.

We are to give up our freedoms, when it would cause a spiritual problem for another person.

29b-30 It seems, Paul acting in freedom was being judged, and he was being slandered for his actions.

Christians, don't judge and speak bad about other Christians for the freedoms they choose, before God, to participate in.

We should consider how our actions may affect others. Also, 10:31 **Whatever you do, you should do all to the glory of God.**

10:32-33 **You must not be a cause of other people having difficulty knowing or following God and Christ.**

We're supposed to be thinking about others, not just ourselves.

Paul would make choices for the spiritual benefit of non-Christians, because he wanted them to get saved.

11:1 Paul said, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ."

Make sacrifices for others, like Christ did.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.