

# Freedom Used for God's Glory

## 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

- Edification not gratification v. 23
  - Present active indicative verbs
    - Edify—to build something up
    - Profitable—beneficial, useful, helpful, or advantageous
      - Acts 20:20,32; Eph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 14:3-4, 26; 1 Cor. 8:1; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- Others before self v. 24
  - Phil. 2:3-4
- Liberty over legalism v. 25-27
  - Voluntary restriction not legalistic compulsion
    - 1 Tim. 4:4-5; Gal. 5:1
- Condescension over Condemnation v. 28-30
  - The legalism of weaker brothers and sisters should not make us legalistic too, it should make us GRACIOUS. Modify your actions for the weakness of others; do not modify your conscience. Don't take on someone else's yoke of slavery.
  - Use these opportunities to teach weaker Christians about their freedom in Christ do not condemn them, edify them!
  - It will always be best to offend an unbeliever before a believer, especially a weaker Christian in the faith.
- Freedom's purpose v. 31-32
  - WHY?
    - Glorify God Mark 10:30
      - ALL actions should produce this result
    - Give NO offense
      - 1 Peter 2:11-19
- Freedom's pattern v. 10:33-11:1
  - A confessed example by Paul
    - Giving away freedom for others
    - Not seeking his own profit
    - Seeking the profit others can obtain
    - Seeking at all times to see many saved
  - The Process
    - Paul is an example, imitate him
      - HE IMITATES CHRIST JESUS! Philippians 2:5-8

**Do you set aside your rights (freedom) for the profit of others?**

**Do you edify through love and grace and teach as an extension of that grace and love?**

**Have you committed yourself to living your life conformed to the image of Christ? Paul is the example at hand. 11:1**

**Why should you take this direction from Paul so seriously? What is the big deal? Romans 14:1-23.**