



“Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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Lesson 16: Inconsiderate Freedom

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Read Romans 14:1-4. We have a caution for two different “groups” here. What are those groups? What cautions are given? Why is this important? What standard should we all be worried about?

Read Romans 14:10-12. What, ultimately, are we to be concerned about?

Read Romans 14:13-15. What concept do we see repeated here from 1 Corinthians 8? Again, what sharp reminder does Paul give to these believers in verse 15? Why is this such an important thing to keep in mind?

Read Romans 14:22-23. What would be the problem if one participates in a freedom in Christ while they have doubts? How does this help us make sense of the problem in 1 Corinthians 8?

Read Philippians 2:1-4. How should we consider others? How can we do this? Does this mean we never take care of our own responsibilities?

Read Galatians 6:2-5. How can we fulfill the law of Christ? Is this a contradiction with verse 5? How does this tie in to what we have been learning about how to live as the body of Christ?

As you spend time with God today, consider how you might despise your brothers and sisters in Christ by inconsiderately exercising your freedom in Christ. Where do you struggle?

I'll be honest here, I struggle, often, with wanting to “have the right answer”. It can be very difficult for me not to just tell others what they should do instead of pointing them to Scripture passages to consider what they should do. Not everyone is at the same place that I am in my growth with God, and I have not arrived at the fullness of my knowledge and growth in Christ, yet my pride can get in the way with others when I just want to correct them, not help them to see what needs correcting and why.

So, again, I ask, where do you struggle? Take that to God today and ask Him to help you to repent and to see where you struggle so that you can do better. Ask

Him to help you to see where there is an issue of freedom that you have been inconsiderate about.

Thank Him for His work in your life, growing you and shaping you more and more into the woman He wants you to be. Hold fast to Him and be willing to admit when you might be wrong, not just assuming you have it all figured out.

Thank God for the body of believers He has placed you in so you can continue to be sanctified, learning how to die to yourself more and more to bring glory and honor to Him.