



## “Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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### **Lesson 20: For the Glory of God...not Your Glory**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:14-33**

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:9-11. How did Paul conduct himself with the church in Thessalonica? How does this compare with his conduct in Corinth? What kind of conduct does Paul charge these people with? How do we apply that to our lives, today?

Read 1 Peter 1:13-21. As Peter calls us to be holy, what is the motivation for pursuing holiness that he gives here? (Look at verses 18+) Why should that impact our conduct? What does that mean we should no longer be engaged in?

Read Matthew 5:43-48. What is Jesus expanding here? What behavior is He calling out as sinfully motivated? What standard does He set for us? Can we do this on our own strength? How does this instruction fit in with Jesus teaching on how we are able to obey?

Read Romans 12:9-13 and Philippians 2:1-4. How do these passages line up with what we read in 1 Corinthians 10?

Read Romans 14:13-23. Again, how does this line up with what we’ve just read in 1 Corinthians 10? What is the principle that Paul is setting forth for us all? Why does this matter so much? Why do we have to keep being reminded of the need for this?

Our goal, as followers of Christ, should be, always to glorify God in our lives, our conduct with other believers and with the world, and in our thoughts and attitudes. Read the following verses (no particular order). Psalm 96:1-9, 1 Chronicles 16:23-36, Romans 11:33-36, 1 Peter 4:7-11, John 15:1-11, Matthew 5:14-16. From these passages, what things can we see do give glory to God? What do we see about His glory?

Ladies, as you spend time with God today, consider how your life reflects your Savior. How does your life show you are set apart for Him? Are you living for Him, or are you trying to blend in? Are you careful about what you participate in, not wanting to dishonor your Creator? How are you considering others as “better” than yourself? Are you careful about the conscience of those around you, or are your “rights” the primary consideration? Ask God to help you to take these things seriously, and not just continue as you have been because

you always have done things that way. Ask Him to help you to see where you might, actually, be sinning, and allow the Holy Spirit to convict you and to change your heart to desire to honor God instead. He is worth everything, ladies; everything. Is there any sacrifice that we might be asked to make that is “too much” for the One who saved us from our sins?