

The Beauty of Balance - 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

- 1. Reflecting on 1 Corinthians 10:24, let's explore the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. Who, according to Jesus, qualifies as our neighbor? In what ways should we demonstrate love and care for our neighbors?
- 2. In 1 Corinthians 10:25-26, Paul advises that disciples of Jesus should not be easily offended. Reflect on your own experiences: Do you find yourself frequently taking offense, even within the Church community? What strategies can we adopt to become less prone to offense?
- 3. Explore the concept of "Christian liberty under the banner of love, not rights" mentioned in Romans 14:13-23. How can we practically apply this principle in our daily lives as Christians, considering our freedom in Christ and our love for one another?
- 4. Delve into 1 Corinthians 10:32-33, where Paul encourages the church to avoid giving others reasons to criticize them. How does maintaining a balance between our Christian freedom and love for our neighbors prevent criticism and hostility from arising?
- 5. In 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1, Paul addresses the issue of idolatry and encourages God's people to pursue what is good. How does this pursuit shift our focus away from ourselves and onto Jesus? How does it help us confront and overcome sin in our lives, as reflected in Ecclesiastes 3:12?
- 6. Reflect on the statement "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." In which areas of your life have you successfully imitated Christ's example? Where do you recognize the need for improvement?
- 7. Conclude your discussion by praying for one another, aligning your hearts and intentions with the topics discussed.

