

• 1 CORINTHIANS •

FOOLISHNESS OR POWER

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (CSB)
¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “we all have knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
² If anyone thinks he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it.

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³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by him.
⁴ About eating food sacrificed to idols, then, we know that “an idol is nothing in the world,” and that “there is no God but one.”

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⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth—as there are many “gods” and many “lords”—

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⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father. All things are from him, and we exist for him. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ. All things are through him, and we exist through him.

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⁷ However, not everyone has this knowledge. Some have been so used to idolatry up until now that when they eat food sacrificed to an idol, their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

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⁸ Food will not bring us close to God.

We are not worse off if we don't eat,
and we are not better if we do eat.

⁹ But be careful that this right of yours
in no way becomes a stumbling block
to the weak.

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¹⁰ For if someone sees you, the one
who has knowledge, dining in an idol's
temple, won't his weak conscience
be encouraged to eat food offered
to idols?

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¹¹ So the weak person, the brother or
sister for whom Christ died, is ruined
by your knowledge.

¹² Now when you sin like this against
brothers and sisters and wound their
weak conscience, you are sinning
against Christ.

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (CSB)

¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother or sister to fall, I will never again eat meat, so that I won't cause my brother or sister to fall.

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1 Corinthians 8:4 (CSB)

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Psalms 115:4-8 (CSB)

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands.

⁵ They have mouths but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.

⁶ They have ears but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell.

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Psalm 115:4-8 (CSB)

⁷They have hands but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk. They cannot make a sound with their throats.

⁸Those who make them are just like them, as are all who trust in them.

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Knowledge and pride puff up the self, but love builds up others.

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1 Timothy 6:9-10 (CSB)

⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction.

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1 Timothy 6:9-10 (CSB)

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

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John 10:9-10 (CSB)

⁹ I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰ A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.
