

**Living & Loving through Disagreement**  
**(Principles from 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Conflict)**  
**I Cor 10:23-33**  
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**Principle #5: We seek the good of others, not our own good. 1 Cor. 10:23-33**

**God's Story 1 Cor. 10:23-33**

Paul says that he can do whatever he wants to but not all things are beneficial or edifying. He has the right --- NKJV says all things are lawful. Is Paul is putting the statutes of God above the law, his rights, flag, vote, mask and race ... voluntarily??

**How do we get to place of seeking the well being of others above ourselves?**

- Become a real Jesus Follower – Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost
  
- Allow yourself to be stretched in love and increase your capacity to love
  
- Get close enough to people to identify their needs, hurts, frustrations, thoughts opinions etc
  
- Intentionally try to fulfill those needs, heal hurts, calm frustrations

**1 Cor 13:5**

Love does not seek its own--- if I am seeking my own that is NOT a manifestation of love

Who do we know who's described as love??

**1 John 4:7-21**

Do we really know God or do we just know of him. Have we placed other gods in front of the almighty God?

**The big idea:**

**When we constantly seek our own benefit and the not benefit of others we enter into the arena of pride --- pride is the appetizer to destruction – so while we're busy arguing and being divided we are actually adding ingredients to a meal of destruction. Stop Hurting-Start Loving That's whats up!!!**

NT/OT Testament reading Prov 16:18, Phil 2:3