1 Corinthians 8

V1

Liberty 2 views

1. The legalist- no never do it

2. The antinomian- no one can tell me what to do

v1-6 2 keys knowledge and love. Knowledge alone is insufficient it must be used in conjunction with love (agape).

NOTE- Exercise of liberty doesn't necessarily show spirituality. Mature believers are aware of the conscience of the weak and love doesn't seek to harm

V7-8 an illustration from Paul's time, eating food sacrificed to idols

V9 stumbling block - to cause to sin, that which causes someone to sin, not just going against some ones like/dislike, convictions, or feelings.

V10-13 put the spiritual condition of the weaker brother before our liberty and practice deference

Important points to remember about liberty since some people are against everything!

1. It should not be a violation of Scripture Ro.14:5/14

2. Defer in their presence Ro. 14:15-17

3. Don't scorn or judge them Ro. 14:4

4. Seek edification Ro. 15:1-2

Questions for me to consider as I exercise liberty

1. Will it cause my brother to stumble (agape is the primary thing) Ro. 14:6, 21, 1Co. 8:13

2. Do I doubt if it for me Ro. 14:22-23

3. Will it enslave me 1 Co. 6:12-13

4. Will it defile me 1 Co. 3:16-17, 1 Co 6:19-20

5. Will it edify or break me down 1 Co. 10:23

6. Can I glorify God in it 1 Co. 10:31