1 Corinthians Chapter 8

Liberty and the weaker brother

1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

Now: Concerning

We have knowledge, we know what an idol is.

we also have liberty.

But don't tell everything you know right off the bat, teach them something they don't know and get them interested, in something that they will start digging on there own.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

Im think the idea here is a man can know something in the flesh or in the world, but has know idea of where it came from, or why it works.

"Food offered to an idol. Psalm 16:5, Deut. 32:16,32"

3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him. The Heart. If you keep loving God, you will gain knowledge.

As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one

An idol is nothing. "Vanity". And idol lover is a God hater.

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

In the world this is true. In heaven or earth.

:6 But to us there is but one God.

Jeremiah 10:11

- 6 But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him. **Eph.4:6**
- 7 Howbeit *there is* not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

Because not everyone knows what you do.

- 8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.
- 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

This stumbling block is to the unsaved man who is suitable to falling back to the old way.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

You might know what is going on, but the unsaved man will eat this food in ignorance.

- 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
- But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
- Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

This is the highest ground a christian will stand on. This is the place where you are the most selfless.