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<p><b>1 Corinthians 10:1-22</b></p> <p><b>Warning Against Idolatry</b></p> <p><b>1</b> For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers,[a] that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <b>2</b> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <b>3</b> and all ate the same spiritual food, <b>4</b> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <b>5</b> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown[b] in the wilderness.</p> <p><b>6</b> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <b>7</b> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <b>8</b> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <b>9</b> We must not put Christ[c] to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <b>10</b> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <b>11</b> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <b>12</b> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <b>13</b> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.</p>			

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<p><b>14</b> Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. <b>15</b> I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <b>16</b> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <b>17</b> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <b>18</b> Consider the people of Israel:<b>[d]</b> are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? <b>19</b> What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <b>20</b> No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. <b>21</b> You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <b>22</b> Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?</p>			
<p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <p><b>a:</b> 1 Corinthians 10:1 Or <i>brothers and sisters</i></p> <p><b>b:</b> 1 Corinthians 10:5 Or <i>were laid low</i></p> <p><b>c:</b> 1 Corinthians 10:9 Some manuscripts <i>the Lord</i></p> <p><b>d:</b> 1 Corinthians 10:18 Greek <i>Consider Israel according to the flesh</i></p>			
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<p><b>1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1</b></p> <p><b>Do All to the Glory of God</b></p> <p><b>23</b> “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. <b>24</b> Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. <b>25</b> Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. <b>26</b> For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” <b>27</b> If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. <b>28</b> But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— <b>29</b> I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience? <b>30</b> If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?</p> <p><b>31</b> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <b>32</b> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <b>33</b> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.</p> <p><b>11:1</b> Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.</p>			
<p><b>Summary:</b></p>			

As believers we have incredible freedom in Christ. As we live our daily lives, we are called first and foremost to seek to glorify God in all that we do. We must also consider the good of others and how our words and actions bring others closer to God and reflect our relationship to Him. Bringing glory to God is not just doing the minimum of what is required; instead, we should go forward with Christ as far as we can. Consider the following verses in light of Christ's example and teaching of how we should live. Which one stands out to you? Why?

**Mark 10:45**

**45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Luke 6:35-36**

**35** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. **36** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

**John 6:38**

**38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

**John 15:9-10**

**9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

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Consider one of the following prompts to further reflect upon this lesson, or follow where the Spirit leads.

- How have you experienced God's glory in your life?
- What does freedom in Christ mean to you?



Prayer Requests

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