

# CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER

## The Glory of God and the Example of Christ

### 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup>“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup>Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. <sup>25</sup>Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. <sup>26</sup>For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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— <sup>29</sup>I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience? <sup>30</sup>If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? <sup>31</sup>So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup>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.

<sup>1</sup> Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### The **Corinthians** and **Christian clichés**:

Food sacrificed to **idols**, **conscience**, and **others**:

Why and when is it ok to eat?

Why and when is it not ok to eat?

What’s the principle here?

When it comes to Christian morality/ethics, there is a hierarchy of values:

Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

Does it \_\_\_\_\_?

**3 conclusions** aimed at **living well as Christians and well together as Christians:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ must be my pre-imminent goal.

God's glory and practical decision-making ...

2. Seek \_\_\_\_\_, rather than my own.

My responsibility to my brother/sister ...

My responsibility to those outside of Christ ...

Do my choices further the \_\_\_\_\_?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is true Christian freedom.

Can I say to others what Paul said to the Corinthians?

My **response** today ...