

INTRODUCTION:

1. THE DANGER OF ARROGANT LIBERTY (8:8-12).

a. Argument: Food does not commend us to God (8:8)

b. Reply: Paul warns against causing a brother or sister to sin by our liberty (8:9)

(1) Paul surrendered his apostolic rights for the good of the Corinthians (9:1-18).

(2) Paul explained his reasons for that behavior (9:19-23).

(3) Paul described his way of thinking about the matter; and he wanted the Corinthians to think the same way (9:24-27).

c. The puffed-up Corinthians could be the occasion of causing their brothers to return to idolatry (8:10).

d. The puffed-up Corinthians could have been the occasion of causing their brothers to return to idolatry (8:10).

e. One's "liberty" could cause the ruin of another believer (8:11-12).

2. SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS PAUL'S REMEDY (8:13).

CONCLUSION: