

"Using Your Liberty in Love" (1 Corinthians 8:1-13)

- I. THE CALLING AND BENEFITS OF BEING A SAINT" (1:1-9)
- II. A CALL FOR UNITY (1:10-31)
- III. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WISDOM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT (2:1-16)
- IV. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WISDOM (2:14 – 4:21)
- V. ADDRESSING ISSUES (5:1-6:20)
- VI. ANSWERING QUESTIONS (7:1-16:1)

A. Marriage (7:1-40)

B. Areas of Liberty (8:1-10:31)

1. Context:

- a. Paul is changing _____ as indicated by the phrase "_____"
- b. The issue Paul is addressing is use of your _____ as a believer in Christ
- c. An area of liberty is: An act, not sinful in itself nor specifically commanded against in Scripture, which a Christian is free to do but which may become sinful for the Christian if practiced or abused when practiced.

2. The Major Principle: (v 1-3)

- a. The controlling principle in your decisions in areas of liberty should be _____
- b. Principle #1: Knowledge _____ from love results in _____
- c. Principle #2: Knowledge _____ in love _____ up
- d. Principle #3: Those who are proud of their knowledge do not have _____ knowledge, in the sense that they have not applied the knowledge they have _____.
- e. Principle #4: The _____ of real knowledge is _____ God.

3. Knowledge lays the Foundation for Applying principles in Love: (v 4-6)

- a. Principle #1: Idols _____
- b. Principle #2: Other gods _____
- c. Principle #3: All things _____ for God and that includes _____

4. Sensitivity to Each Other is to Guide the Application of Principles in Love: (v 7-13)

- a. Principle #1: Believers vary in their _____ and _____
 - * What is a weak conscience?
- b. Principle #2: Food is _____ to spirituality.
- c. Principle #3: Do not use your liberty in a way that causes another believer to _____
- d. Principle #4: Sinning against a weaker Christian is sinning against _____
 - * What is Paul's conclusion?

*How does this apply to you?