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1 Corinthians 9
Freedom & the Gospel

Questions to Ask Regarding Christian Freedoms

0) Is this an Area of Christian Freedom? (Rom 14:5)
1) Am I making this decision before the Face of God (Rom 14:6-9, 22-23)
2) Am I judging my Brother? (Rom 14:1-4, 10-12)
3) Will this trip my Brother? (Rom 14:13-21, 1 Cor 8:9-13)

4) Will this hinder the Gospel? (1 Cor 9:1-15, 19-23)

5) Will this increase my eternal joy? (1 Cor 9:15-27)

Praxis

1. What are freedoms / rights that I might assert that may make people not want to hear the Gospel from me?
2. What right / privilege am I enjoying that might keep me inadvertently isolated from those who need to hear the gospel?
3. Some might accuse Paul of being a hypocrite or 2-faced in 1 Cor 9:20-23… what is it about Paul that is entirely consistent no matter who he is with? How does Rom 14:17 fit in here…?
4. Thought Question: Is it wrong to seek for one's own "eternal reward/joy"? Why / Why not?