

One: License and Legalism
1 Corinthians 8
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I. License and legalism.

A. License: _____ in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom. (ESV)

B. Legalism: _____ to God's word.

Genesis 3:3

II. Knowledge without love leads to _____.

A. _____ in knowledge but not in love.

B. Knowledge and love are essential to _____.

III. _____.

A. _____ God.

B. Idols are _____.

Psalms 115:4-7

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. ⁵They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. ⁶They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. ⁷They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. (ESV)

C. Food is not our _____.

Romans 14:21

IV. _____ sets the limits of Christian _____.

A. Mature Christians think _____ and _____.

B. It is no small thing to cause a weaker Christian to
_____ into sin.

Final Considerations.

1. Do I tend towards _____?

Hebrews 12:1

2. Is it _____?

1 Corinthians 6:12

3. Does it _____ Christ?

1 John 2:6

4. Does it set the right _____?

1 Timothy 4:12

5. _____: Does it help or hinder the gospel?

Colossians 4:5

6. _____: Does it build others up?

1 Corinthians 10:23

7. _____: Does it worship the Lord?

1 Corinthians 10:31

Additional Resources:

Small Group Summer Reference Booklet (available at Guest Services)

Conscience: what it is, how to train it, and loving those who differ. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2016

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Small Group Questions

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What is your favorite hobby or leisure activity?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 8 and answer the following:
 - a. Describe the “weak” minded believer Paul is referring to in this passage.
 - b. How can spiritually mature believers help the weak minded believers in the area of liberties?

- c. What is the bigger picture of Christian liberty?

2. What is legalism?

3. Why is legalism so dangerous?

4. Consider these examination questions and talk through them together:

Are my liberties...

- a. taken in excess?
- b. beneficial?
- c. Christ reflecting?
- d. setting the right example?
- e. furthering the gospel?
- f. Worship to the LORD?