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Gospel Thinking, Gospel Living: Doing It All For God's Glory 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

One Thing:

• We honor God by choosing to serve and love others for His glory

Gospel Thinking:

1. The Issue

- Were the Corinthian believers allowed to eat food that was used in sacrificial worship to idols?
- How do we live in the freedom that Christ purchased for us with His death and resurrection?

2. The Insight

A. We are free in Christ!

- vv. 25-26 (Message translation) Eat anything sold at the butcher shop, for instance; you don't have to run an idolatry test on every item. The earth, after all, is God's and everything in it. That everything certainly includes the leg of lamb in the butcher shop
- Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery

B. We express our freedom by loving and serving others

- 1 Corinthians 8:8-9, 13 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak....Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble
- Freedom in Christ is to do whatever it takes to love others for the sake of Christ

C. Using our freedom to serve and love others glorifies God

"We glorify God when, out of love for him, we lay down our rights, our freedoms, in eating or drinking or whatever in order to do what is most loving towards others, either for the 'progress and joy of their faith' (Philippians 1:25), or that they may be saved (1 Corinthians 9:22)." – Jon Bloom

Gospel Living:

- 1. Are we using our freedom to serve and love others?
- 2. Are we driven by the desire to make God's glory known to others?

"And this kind of sacrificial love is still needed, maybe especially needed, when it comes to Christian freedoms. For we, too, have our cultural idols, our saints with tender consciences, and our watching unbelievers. So, in "whatever you do," do not use your freedom to merely pursue what you feel free to enjoy, but use your freedom to pursue the ultimate spiritual good of your neighbor. As a Christian, you are free from all constraints: the external constraints of false religion and the internal constraints of your selfishness. You are free to enjoy all God has provided, and free to abstain for the sake of love. Do all you do to the glory of God." – Jon Bloom