

1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1

The danger of freedom and
its solution

The Danger of Freedom...& its solution

- Danger of presumption - 10: 1-13
 - Example of Israel
- Danger of compromise - 10:14-22
 - The Lord's Supper & idol feasts

The Danger of Freedom...& its solution

- Danger of legalism - 10:23-30 –
Your freedom & legalism
- True freedom - 10:31-11:1 - Glorify
God & live for others, especially
their salvation

Danger of presumption – the example of Israel

10:1-13

- Their blessings (1-4)
- Their crimes and Punishment (5-10); Exodus 17 & 32; Numbers 14,16,21,25; also see Deuteronomy 13
- Their example (11-13) – In temptation look for an Exodus



Danger of compromise

10:14-22

- Flee Idolatry! (14)
- Don't have fellowship with demons! (15-21)
- Participation not only memory!
- See also 11:30...and be careful



IT IS OK
FOR ME
TO HAVE
EVERYTHING
I WANT

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Danger of Legalism

10:23-30

- Yes, all things are lawful but that's not the point! (23)
- Legalism should not limit freedom
- But freedom must not destroy others



The key to living as a Christian

10 ³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³ even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. 11 ¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

True freedom

10:31-11:1

- Do all to the glory of God (31), not establishing my freedom.
- Try not to make anyone stumble, do this by pleasing all people in everything (32-33) not claiming my rights but promoting the rights of all.



True freedom

10:31-11:1

- Seek the advantages of the many (33) and not my benefits or my fulfilment.
- Seek that many may be saved (33) not being preoccupied with my personal salvation.
- Be imitators of Christ (11:1) not boosting my own reputation.



*In what ways could I
possibly [1] not glorify God
and [2] make others stumble
by my actions, especially
those actions that utilise my
freedom?*

*In what ways can I positively
seek the good of others, and
especially the salvation of
others?*