

Lesson 3: Giving Up Meat for the Sake of My Brother- What should I be willing to give up for my brother?

Philippians 2:1-11

- What example are we given in Philippians 2 that would give us insight into why/how we should give preference to others?

Galatians 5:13-15

- What is the “word” that fulfilled the whole law?

I Cor. 6:12-13, I Cor. 8

- What does I Cor. 6:12-13 remind us about “everything?”
- What is Paul’s point in vs. 1-6
- What is the liberty spoken of in vs. 9?
- Explain how these people were harming their brother in vs. 10-12
- What’s the final point?

I Corinthians 10:14-11:1

- Does this sound familiar? What is the answer to the question in vs. 19?
- What is the purpose of vs. 23-24?
- Explain vs. 29-31. What is being said here? Here are some other translations that may help:

“But if anyone says to you, “This is meat sacrificed to idols,” do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake; I mean not your own conscience, but the other man's; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks? Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense

either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved.” (NASB)

- *“But if anyone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake— the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.” (NIV)*

- What is the final point?
- Why is verse 11:1 “randomly stuck” in this passage?

Romans 12:9-21

- Who is the focus NOT on in this passage?

Romans 14:1-15:3 (mostly focusing on 14:14-15:3)

- What is Paul once again stating in vs. 14? Sound familiar to something he mentioned in I Corinthians?
- What passage does Romans 14:20 sound like?
- What three ways (pending your version of the bible) can you hurt your brother and what are their differences/similarities?
- Who does the burden wind up on? What parallel is given to the burdened as a reminder and encouragement? Sound familiar to another passage?

A couple of other Themes to keep in mind

- Peace
 - Romans 14:17, 19
 - Romans 12:18
 - Eph. 4:1-3
 - II Tim. 2:22-26
 - Titus 3:1-4
- Good spoken of as evil
 - Romans 14:16
 - I Cor. 10:30)