



First Corinthians Learning To Be Light in a Dark World

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“Making Good & Godly Decisions” Freedom Balanced with Restraint

1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

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Theme: Paul is navigating the difficult issue of whether it is appropriate to eat food that has been offered to an idol. Though he tells the Corinthians that they must not go to pagan temples to eat such foods, he provides a more nuanced approach for other contexts. They can eat idol meat bought in the marketplace without any problem. They can also eat food at a private dinner party—unless their host points out that this is idol meat. Through Paul’s counsel here we can draw important principles for making God-honoring decisions in life.

Outline

1. Principles for Making Godly Decisions

a. Is it beneficial for you? 10:23a

b. Does it build up others? 10:23b-24, 32-33

c. Does it glorify God? 10:31

d. Follow Godly examples, 11:1

2. The Application in Various Contexts

a. Food in pagan temples: Avoid, 10:14–22

b. Food from the marketplace: Enjoy, 10:25–26

c. Food in a private home: Discern, 10:27–30

Takeaway: Making Godly decisions is a matter of applying the most basic biblical commands—loving God and loving others—to our everyday lives.

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