



“I’m Free!”

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1





I'm free



One of the greatest blessings we have as Christians is our freedom!

Luke 4:18 – proclaim liberty to the captives

John 8:32 – the truth shall set you free

John 8:36 – the Son shall set you free

Romans 6:18 – made free from sin

Galatians 5:1 – Christ has made us free

Yet Liberty has Limitations

v.23



"Everything is permissible" -- but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible" -- but not everything is constructive. (NIV)

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1. Freedom's Perimeters

(vs. 23,24)

- a. **Lawful** – “free to do” Romans 6:22
Galatians 5:22 1 Peter 2:16
- b. **But** – “not all help; edify” Romans 14:19
1 Corinthians 14:26 Ephesians 4:12
- c. **The others** – “seek” Galatians 6:10
1 Cor. 12:22 1 Thess. 5:14

True liberty has limitations and one of those limitations is brotherly love!

2. Freedom's Practice

(vs. 25-30)

“eating meat”

- a. **I can** (vs.25-27) Genesis 9:3 Acts 11:1-9
- b. **I can't** (vs. 28-30) vs. 16-22 Rom.14:21
- c. **I won't** (vs. 31-33) 1 Cor. 8:13 Phil. 2:21

Real liberty allows me to love my neighbor

True freedom lets me help, not hinder my brother

I have a duty to myself but a greater duty to others

3. Freedom's Pattern

(11:1)

Follow, Imitate = mimic, duplicate, copy

- a. **The Christian** – “me” 2 Thess. 3:9
1 Cor. 3:2 Philippians 3:17 Titus 2:7
- b. **Our Christ** – “as I follow” John 13:15
Philippians 2:5 1 Peter 2:21

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