

Developing Your Convictions on Liberties

Exalting Christ in Our Liberties

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Review

Lesson 1 – Be Clear & Convinced on Your Life Purpose

Lesson 2 – Totally Free Yet Totally Enslaved. Commands of Christ keep us from Antinomianism

Lesson 3 – A Balancing Framework. Illustration of Fred & Nancy

Christian Liberty Definition

Areas of life not explicitly addressed in Scripture where the Christian is free to make up his own mind as to whether he will participate or abstain (Romans 14:5)

1) The Corinthians Lesson – “Take Heed” (1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 8-10)

Libertines

2) The Galatian Lesson – “Stand Firm” (Galatians 5)

Legalists

3) The Roman Lesson – “Judge Not” “Receive” (Romans 14-15)

All Believers

Lesson 4 – Serve one another with your liberties.

Lesson 5 – Exhortation to not look down on others who see liberties differently.

The Romans Lesson Illustrated - Chart Adapted from Garry Friesen “Decision Making & The Will of God” (p 417).

Categories of Differing Brothers			
	Weaker Brother (Romans 14:2)	Convinced Brother (Romans 14:5)	Pharisee (Galatians 2:1-14)
1	He differs from my opinions at times	He differs from my opinion at times	He differs from my opinion at times
2	He is not fully convinced	He is fully convinced	He is fully convinced
3	He is sincere	He is convinced and humble	He is convinced and proud
4	He needs teaching and is open to it	He has been taught, but is open to correction	He has been taught, but is not open to correction
5	He is surprised at my use of freedom	He receives me with my differing opinion	He judges or despises me for my differing conviction
6	He does not think he can teach me	He is willing to discuss why he differs	He seeks to make me conform to his viewpoint
7	He is negatively influenced by my example	He is not improperly influenced by my example	He is not influenced by my example
8	I can cause him to stumble into sin	I cannot cause him to stumble into sin	His pride will cause him to stumble into sin
9	He is caused to sin by my wrong use of freedom	He is not caused to sin by my use of freedom	He becomes upset by my use of freedom
10	When I cause him to stumble it is an “offense given ”	Since he does not stumble, there is no offense at all	When he stumbles over my freedom, it is an “offense taken ”
11	I need never give him offense	I will not be able to give him offense	I will not be able to prevent his taking offense
12	I become a willing slave to his conscience	I am free to exercise my freedom	I will not allow him to enslave me to his standards
13	I must limit my freedom to avoid sinning against him	I need not limit my freedom to his account	I may choose to limit my freedom to keep him from getting upset at me (then again, I may not!)

1A. Remembering Fred & Nancy – What can you tell me about them?

Fred – _____ Background

Nancy – _____ Background

- Which one most closely resembles the culture in which we live?
- Within in the Church, how does that affect our views of our liberties?

2 Timothy 3:1-6

Jude 4

2A. The Corinthians Lesson – “Take Heed” (1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 8-10)

Libertines

15 questions to answer with prompt your thinking – The “Ease” of Sorting Out Christian Liberties

- Enslavement – Will it bring me into _____? (1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:11-12, 1 John 5:21)
How can a liberty actually turn on you and enslave you? How does that happen? Any examples?
- Esteem – Will this benefit others spiritually or _____ them? (1 Corinthians 8:8-13, Romans 14:13)
- Evangelism – Will it further the _____ and my testimony? (1 Corinthians 9:12,19,23, 10:32-33, Titus 2:11-12)
- Excess – Will it slow me down or _____ me in the race? (1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1)
- Edification – Will this benefit me spiritually? (1 Corinthians 10:23-24, Romans 13:14)
- Example – Will it be a helpful pattern for others to follow? (1 Corinthians 10:6, 11:1, 1 Timothy 4:12, Romans 14:19)
- Exaltation – Will this bring _____ to God? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Ethics – Will it violate my conscience or any Biblically informed, tender conscience? (Acts 24:16)
- Excuse – Will it really just be a _____ for my sin? (1 Peter 2:16)
- Empowerment – Will this _____ The Spirit's work in my life (Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:13-24)
- Education – Have I searched the scriptures for Christ's direction (Colossians 3:16, Proverbs 3:5-7)
- Exhortation – What do wise & mature counselors advise? (Proverbs 6:20, 8:32-6, 11:14, 12:15)
- Eternity – Will it add to my eternal _____? (Matthew 6:19-21, Philippians 3:20)
- Emulation – Will it be like Christ? (Colossians 3:17, 1 John 2:6)
- Enjoyment – Is this a gift from Christ that He wants me to _____? (John 10:10, 1 Timothy 4:4-5, Psalm 37:3-5)