

# Called to Be . . . Living for the Glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:23–11:1

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**INTRODUCTION:** The great Lutheran composer and musician, Johann Sebastian Bach, was always careful to dedicating his music to the glory of God. Today, the Lord calls us to dedicate ourselves, thereby living for His glory!

1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

## I. A \_\_\_\_\_ THAT IS APPLIED TO LIFE

1 Corinthians 10:23 "Everything is permissible' – but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is permissible' – but not everything is constructive."

A. Are our actions \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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## II. A \_\_\_\_\_ TO GIVE DIRECTION FOR LIFE

1 Cor. 10:24 "Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others."

## III. A \_\_\_\_\_ THAT IS ASSUMED FOR LIFE

1 Corinthians 10:33 "For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved."

**CONCLUSION:** May God grant us his grace that whatever we do, we do it all for the glory (doxa) of God!

**Digging Deeper**  
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**OPEN**

- A. Growing up, did you come from a home with strict or lenient rules? How has this had an influence on you if you are a parent?
- B. Share at least one person who has had a positive, affirming influence in your life.

**DIG**

- A. The Christians at Corinth had become extremely divided. How would the words of Paul under the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 bring people back together?
- B. Discuss how the words in 1 Corinthians 10:24 reflect the attitude of Christ Himself? (See Phil 2:5-8)
- C. The issue of eating meat offered to idols keeps coming up. How would you summarize Paul's feelings about this subject after reading 1 Corinthians 10:27-31?
- D. The quote used by Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:26, comes from Psalm 24:1. Why is this truth a principal foundation for proper management (stewardship) of all that we have and all that we are?
- E. In 1 Corinthians 10:31 the Apostle Paul gives direction concerning the actions of some of the believers in the Corinthian Church. How would following and living out this principle help people to get along? (See also Colossians 3:17)
- F. (See 1 Corinthians 10:32-33) For Paul, what was the bottom line in dealing with the various different groups of people in Corinth?

- G. Why could Paul ask the believers in Corinth to follow his example? Wasn't he just a man? (See 1 Corinthians 11:1)

## **REFLECT**

- A. Are you, on a scale of 1–10, more of a critical person or an affirmative person by nature? What would help you to be more constructive in your words and actions?
- B. Many Christians tend to compartmentalize their Christian faith so that they have their "God time" separate from the rest of their lives. Do you see this as an issue? How might we better be able to integrate our Christian faith so that in the words of Paul, "whatever [we] do, [we] do it all for the glory of God."
- C. The Apostle Paul says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ?" Do you feel able to follow Paul's example, and in so doing, follow the example of Christ? In what areas of spiritual growth do you need God's grace and power?