

To Do or Not To Do - I Corinthians 哥林多前書 10:23-33 (also 8:1-13)

Icebreaker: 你覺得你人生最自由的一段時間是什麼時候？ Why?

Background:

1. Read v.23-24, regarding our Liberty, Paul gives 2 principles here:

1) v.23 & 6:12: _____

2) v.24 & v.32-33: _____

2. Regarding the first principle: good/edifying:

Permissible/lawful vs. beneficial/good & edifying/constructive

a) Using entertainment (e.g. watching movies) as a topic, can you give an example of each (i.e. permissible vs. good)?

b) Using hobbies as a topic, can you give an example of each?

c) Using food as a topic, can you give an example of each?

d) Using places you go, can you give an example of each?

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Is there any of my action/habit/hobby, that I should reconsider or change?

3. Regarding the 2nd principle: benefiting/constructive self vs. benefiting/constructive for others
= Others over self

Share/Challenge: What have you ever done or what have you ever not done because of someone else?

Why is this one harder than the 1st one? What can we do to help ourselves to do more of this principle?

4. Read v.25-33. Paul gave an example of personal freedom and an example of giving up personal freedom because of not wanting to make others stumble (v.25-30).

a) Any example you can think of: that Christians (especially Asian Christians) may go overboard on restrictions, regulations, expectations, or intertwined cultural/traditional thoughts with our expectation on others?

b) Any example you can think of: that something you think it's ok to do, but because of not to make others stumble, we can have the freedom of not doing it?

Pray for your good balance of personal freedom (not too much legalism on yourself and on others), and have the freedom to "give up your freedom" if needed, as Pope John Paul II said:

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought