Church Purity in a Polluted Culture

Part 12: *Matters of Conscience* 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Do _____ for the Glory of God.

Main Point

We are not our _____ anymore!

Romans 14:7-8

"None of us lives to ______, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

Romans 15:2-3a

2Each of us should ______ his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3For even Christ did not please himself...

2 Hindrances

1. _____

2. Using your Christian freedom and rights in the _____ way.

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

1Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" _____ up, but _____ builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Philippians 1:9-10

9And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in _______ and depth of insight, 10so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

"Truth not spoken in love ______ to be the truth."

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

4Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one."

5For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— 6yet for us there is ______, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and ______, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:7

7However, ______ possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

<u>Romans 15:1</u>

"We who are strong have an ______ to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

<u>Romans 14: 1</u>

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on ______ matters.

1 Corinthians 8:8

8 Food will ______ us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

1 Corinthians 8:9

9But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a ______ to the weak.

People don't live life based on the facts, but on their _____ of the facts.

1 Corinthians 8:10

10For if anyone ______ who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

1 Corinthians 8:11-13

11And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.
12Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.
13Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will

eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.