



Part 4: Figuring It Out

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Stumble Prevention

1 Corinthians 10:23-33

²³ "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive.

- Is it permissible?
- Is it beneficial?
- Is it constructive?

²⁴ Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

- Is it selfish or loving?

²⁵ Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, ²⁶ for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

- Is it under God's ownership?

²⁷ If some unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience.

- Is it missional for the sake of the message of Jesus?

²⁸ But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake— ²⁹ the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? ³⁰ If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

- Is it an issue of conscience where you need to respectfully draw a line?

³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- Is it glorifying to God?

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³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—

- Is it hypocritical or protective?

³³ ...even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

- The ultimate question is, "Am I pointing people toward Jesus?"

Next Steps

Because we all stumble, CTK offers a number of recovery classes and groups. Read more about these current opportunities in CTK Life.

Grieving the Losses In Life: *Learn how to fully grieve any loss in life*

Boundaries: *Learn how to establish healthy boundaries in any relationship*

12 Steps: *Break free from habits, hurts and hangups that are keeping you stuck*

Changes: *Open, drop-in 12 Step group for support and encouragement*

Compass: *Helping kids navigate the ups and downs of life*

Stand Firm for Men: *Learn how to break the grip of addictive behaviors*

Friday Night Light: *Weekly accountability and encouragement group for men*

Whatcom Dream: *Create a spending plan based on your true core values*

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace: *Live within your means and experience financial freedom*

Small Group Questions



- 1) What is the biggest verbal stumble you have ever made? How did you recover?
- 2) What are some things that you do to make sure you don't physically trip and fall during the day? Do you see any spiritual parallels to those acts of prevention?
- 3) Read back through the questions raised by 1 Corinthians 10. How many of life's questions could be answered by simply knowing God's commandments? What are some of the most important commandments to know?
- 4) Discuss how you can respectfully draw a line when dealing with someone who does not share your faith or your convictions.
- 5) Many of these questions come down to an issue of conscience. How can you ensure that your conscience is in line with God's standards?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?