

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 94--1 Corinthians 8

Introduction: Some of the Corinthians were eating in the idol's temples the sacrifices offered to idols. Perhaps they reasoned that since the idol did not really exist, no real worship was going on! But their example was causing others to violate their conscience by following their example. Paul warns that Christians should never use their liberty to bring harm to their brethren.

Lesson aim: To teach the need to use our liberties with consideration for others who are weak.

Paul teaches concerning things sacrificed to idols--1 Cor. 8:1-13

1. What is it that Paul mentions he will discuss in this chapter?
2. How did Paul say knowledge and love differ?
3. T F A Christian should suppose he knows nothing so that he might learn everything God has to teach.
4. T F The person who has love for God is known by God.
5. What did all the Christians at Corinth know about idols?
6. Did some of the brethren at Corinth have trouble eating meat offered to idols without thinking that the idol also existed and was being worshipped?
7. Ordinarily would it matter whether we eat a certain food or not? Why?
8. Could the liberty to eat any food be used to hurt others? How?
9. If a brother with a weak conscience ate food offered to idols and thought that the idols really existed, would he be sinning against God? Would he have been caused to do this by the example of other believers?
10. If we sin against a brother, against whom else are we sinning?

11. What strong statement did Paul make about eating food?