

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.” 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 ESV

So, it is our view of the world or world view that determines our actions, right? The apostle knew the freedoms he possessed, but often lived within self imposed boundaries so that others might not be offended as they grew in grace.

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17 ESV

Paul’s desire was to bring every act into connection with Christ allowing for connections to be made with those in need of Christ.

“Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV

Paul’s mainline motivation was always, without fail, to allow those he came in contact with to be impressed with the love of Christ that beat within his heart. His view of life was focused on the way of Jesus and emulating the Lord of glory – for the sake of others!

Perhaps we can see the value of living this way. Without demanding our personal freedoms – we seek to put the best possible Jesus before the world!

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