

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:1
Topic: Godliness. Priorities.
Study: First Corinthians
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Nice Guys Finish First

The Unwavering Focus of People Who Win



1. Focus on _____ (vv.23-24, 28-29a, 32)

2. Focus on _____ (vv.25-27, 29b-31)

3. Focus on _____ (10:33 – 11:1)

1 Cor. 10:23 – 11:1

²³ "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive. ²⁴ Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. 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."

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. 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? ³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— 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. ¹¹ ¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read Philippians 2:3-5. How has this sermon series about putting others interests and concerns before your own begun to affect your choices?

What obstacles keep you from being an even greater source of growth and encouragement to others?

2. On a scale from one to ten how would those who know you best rate your attitude when it comes to joy and thankfulness? Why?

What daily habits and disciplines might help you approach life with a greater awareness and a more frequent recognition of God's goodness and gifts?

3. Who can serve in your mind as a twenty-first century example of selfless sacrifice and godly service toward others? How might you emulate their example this week?

What aspects of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf challenge you the most?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Is. 47-48 & 2Cor. 7

Monday

Is. 49-50 & 2Cor. 8

Tuesday

Is. 51-52 & 2Cor. 9

Wednesday

Is. 53-54 & 2Cor. 10

Thursday

Is. 55-56 & 2Cor. 11

Friday

Is. 57-58 & 2Cor. 12

Saturday

Is. 59-60 & 2Cor. 13

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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