

## November 28 Answers

- 1) Paul now addressed the issue of “food offered to **idols**.” By insisting on their right to eat such food, the Corinthians were encouraging the weak to **violate** their conscience. Paul was rightly upset by this, and he called on those with knowledge to **love** their weaker brothers by **sacrificing** their “right” to eat food offered to idols. This passage teaches us several important lessons: (1) Determining whether or not a given activity is wrong is very important, but we must also consider whether it’s **edifying** to others (1 Cor 10:23). Part of loving others is considering how our behavior **affects** them. (2) A fellow believer is said to be “weak” if they would be influenced by our liberty to **violate** their conscience and do something they believe to be wrong (1 Cor 8:10). If we care about others, we will be concerned about their **conscience**. (3) We have an obligation to **limit** our liberty out of love and concern for a weak brother, for if they are encouraged to violate their conscience because of our actions, then we have **sinned** against them and against Christ (1 Cor 8:10–12). (4) Our primary motivation should be the **glory** of God and the **good** of others (1 Cor 10:31–32). Like Paul, we should try to **please** everyone in everything we do, not seeking our own advantage, that they may be **saved** (1 Cor 10:33).