

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NASB)

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1 Corinthians 6:12 (NASB)

*¹² All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will **not** be mastered by anything.*

Romans 6:14 (NASB) tells us

¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What does it mean to be living under a grace system?

1. Grace does not mean do as you please. There are definite commands.
2. However specific commands are not enough for living under grace.

Well then how are we to operate?

God gives us a **set of principles instead.**

A principle is the way a thing functions or operates consistently.

- a. The exercise of the principles rest upon the believer's individual judgment.
- b. There is no area where we have greater freedom than outside the specific commands of the Word.

1. Principle Number 1:

1 Cor. 6:12 All things (the areas where Paul doesn't have specific commands) **are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient.** All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought **under the power of any.**

In the application of a principle **we only have the right to apply my principles to ourselves.**

2. Principle Number 2:

*1 Corinthians 8:13 (NASB) ¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother to **stumble**, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to **stumble**.*

Stumble: This word means that the person was progressing, and I did something to cause them to stumble in their Christian life. Entice to sin.

A weak believer is one who gets bent out of shape by what another does.

3. Principle Number 3:

Romans 14:1-3 (NASB) ¹ *Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.*

² *One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only.*

³ *The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.*

The principle of love

4. Principle Number 4:

Edification

1 Cor. 10: 23 *All things are lawful; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful; but not all things **edify (to build up)**.*

In a lot of Christianity the grace principles are usually replaced by the rule book.

What's our goal in the Christian life?

To become Christ like. Does this make me and others grow into the likeness of Christ?

5. Principle Number 5:

Motivation

1 Cor. 10: 31 *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, **do all to the glory of God.***

If we can do any activity under these principles, based on Scripture, then we are at liberty to do it.

The greatest motivator is grace itself because God has showered us with unlimited and unmerited blessings.

6. Principle Number 6:

*¹² If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless **we did not use this right; but we bear all things that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.***

PRINCIPLE

That we may cause no hindrance to the entire gospel of Christ.

Do verses 24-29 measure up to the principles outlined above?

24 Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.

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25 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake;

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Motivation.

Principle Number 6:

1 Corinthians 9:12 ¹² If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right; but we bear all things (PRINCIPLE) that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

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26 FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS.

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27 If one of the unbelievers invites you and you want to go, eat anything that is set before you without asking questions for conscience' sake.

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28 But if anyone says to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake.

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29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other man's; for why is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

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