

# Mar 25 – Influencing for Christ – 1 Corinthians 9-10

Corinth with Acrocorinth, 1847  
by Carl Anton Joseph Rottmann

RACE ... what Race?  
Just getting there is  
HARD enough!

Apostle Paul, c. 1657  
by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69)



## 1 Corinthians

*chapter*

## from Ephesus

- |             |  |      |                              |
|-------------|--|------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mar 4    | United in Christ                       | 1    | No Divisions – Wisdom of God |
| 2. Mar 11   | Glorifying God                         | 6    | Bought with a Price          |
| 3. Mar 18   | Keeping Commitments                    | 7    | Marriage for Life in Love    |
| ☆ 5. Mar 25 | Influencing for Christ                 | 9-10 | All Things to All People     |
| 6. Apr 1    | Easter Sunday – Sunrise Easter Service |      |                              |
| 7. Apr 8    | Remembering the Sacrifice              | 11   | Examine Oneself              |
| 8. Apr 15   | Serving God's People                   | 12   | Gifts of Same Spirit & Lord  |
| 8. Apr 22   | Understanding Love                     | 13   | Greatest of These Is LOVE    |

## 2 Corinthians

*chapter*

## from Macedonia

- |            |                        |       |                             |
|------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 9. Apr 29  | Enjoying God's Comfort | 1     | Afflicted for Your Comfort  |
| 10. May 6  | Displaying the Gospel  | 4     | Light Shone in Our Hearts   |
| 11. May 13 | Becoming New           | 5-6   | In Christ – a New Creation  |
| 12. May 20 | Giving Faithfully      | 9     | Ministry to the Saints      |
| 13. May 27 | Finding Strength       | 12-13 | When Weak, then I Am Strong |





Within 1 Corinthians 8-10 there exists a for us TODAY a

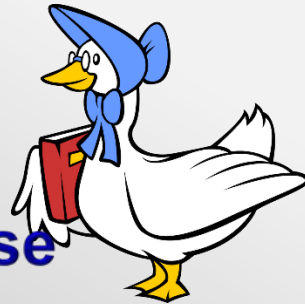
## Remarkable Incomprehensibility

Corinth Christians ask about **Food** ... Paul addresses **Idols**

Today—to us—it is **INCOMPREHENSIBLE** that anyone would ... could ... even DREAM about worshipping

## IDOLS

We ... today ... find IDOLS as foolish as **Mother Goose**



But for 1,000+ years Israel struggle in the Middle East

So did Rome & Corinth in A.D. 60 ... yet there is more

Somehow—**Christians STILL had trouble with Idol Food**

But the JEWEL of 1 Corinthians 8-10 is NOT in FOOD



Within 1 Corinthians 8-10 there exists a for us TODAY

## Remarkable Treasure

Corinth Christians ask about Food ... Paul addresses Idols  
After tossing Idols ... Paul gave a superlative treatise

## How to Treat FELLOW Christians

## Who STILL Fear Idols

Paul's superlative treatise goes further ...

KINDLY disposing of Idols – kindly – Paul shows us ...

Pleads with us in superlative terms ... to be

## All Things to All People to Win Some

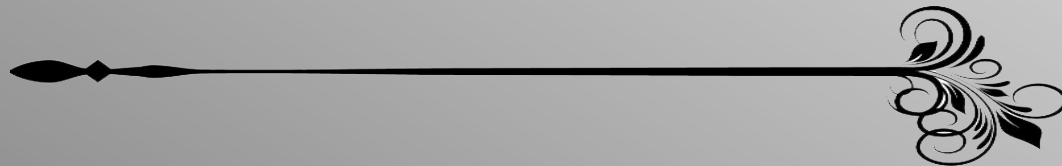




## Theme

**Believers represent God by using their *influence* to bring others to Him.**

- 8:1-13 Knowledge Puffs, Love Builds ... Idols NOTHING**
- 9:1-18 Paul Could Charge ... But Chooses to Preach for Free**
- 9:19-23 Walking in Their Shoes – Free ... Yet All Things to All**
- 9:24-27 Running the Race – Run to Win**
- 10:1-30 Cloud of Witnesses in Idolatry ... Don't Test Christ**
- 10:31-33 Following the Leader – Do Everything for Glory of God**
- 11:1 Imitate me, as I also Imitate Christ**

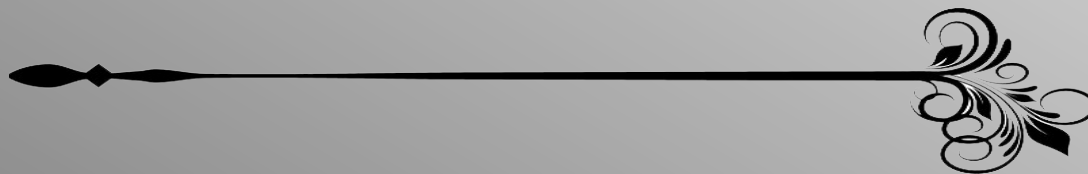


## Key Verse – 1 Corinthians 9:22

**I have become all things  
to all people  
so that by all possible means  
I might save some.**



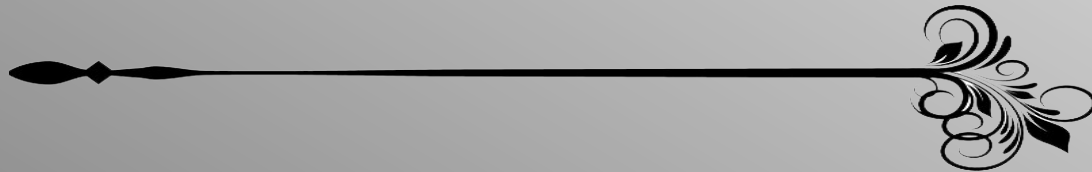
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**Alternate Title**

**Free the Food  
Feed the Free**



**Alternate Title #2**

# **Free Slaves by Enslaving Self**





**Alternate Title #3**

# **Free for the Kingdom First**



Alternate Title #4

# Run Forest Run



Video Not in Online Version





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## Remarkable Freedom

Corinth Christians ask about Food ... Paul addresses Idols  
After tossing Idols ... Paul gave a superlative treatise

## How to TREAT Fellow Free Christians

Paul's superlative treatise goes further ...

This FREEDOM must NOT be used to ABUSE

This FREEDOM must only be used to INFLUENCE

This superlative FREEDOM ... has an end, a goal to

LIVE to Win Some



# How to Win Friends & Influence People

by Dale Carnegie (Simon and Shuster, 1936; 291p.)

Sold over 30 million worldwide

Library of Congress 7th Most Influential in  
American History

TIME ... #19 on 100 Most Influential ... *right after*

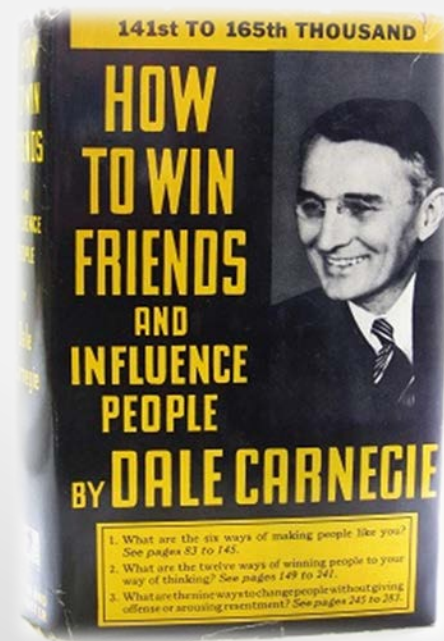
TIME #18 also in 1936, economist John Keynes'  
*General Theory of Employment, Interest & Money*

Dale “Carnegie” was originally spelled “Carnagey”

He changed spelling to “Carnegie” in 1922 after steel magnate

**Andrew Carnegie**

started Public Speaking course in New York YMCA





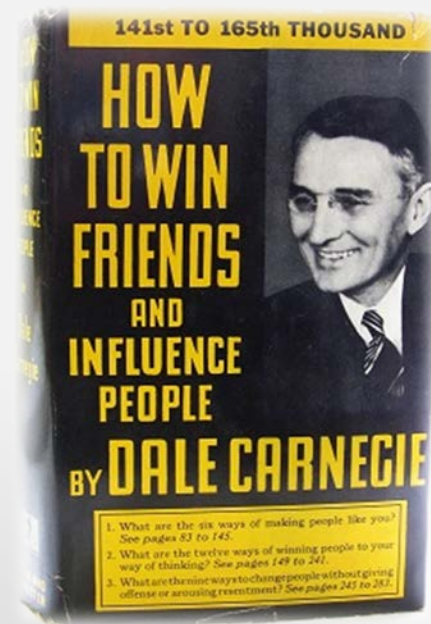
# 1 Corinthians 8-10 ... how Paul chose to

- ✓ Influence Others for Kingdom
- ✓ Influence Weak & Strong
- ✓ Influence Corinthians' Influence
- ✓ Influence All of US in Our WITNESS

However, like Paul ... Carnegie had critics

Novelist & playwright Sinclair Lewis wrote a **Scathing Critique** ... all Carnegie did was teach people to

“Smile and bob and pretend to be interested in other people's hobbies precisely so that you may screw things out of them.”



Oh ... is that what Paul is doing?

Asking us to be **All Things to All People** ... to  
“Screw things out of them”?

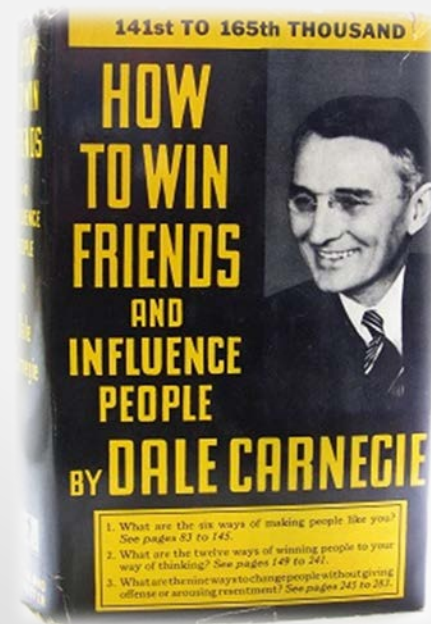
Of course not ...

Dale Carnegie did say:

**The world is full of people who are  
grabbing and self-seeking.**

**So the rare individual who unselfishly tries  
to serve others has an enormous advantage.**

**He has little competition.**



# 1 Corinthians 8-10 *lifts up* Christian Freedom ... to **SERVE**

How are we to live our LIFE?

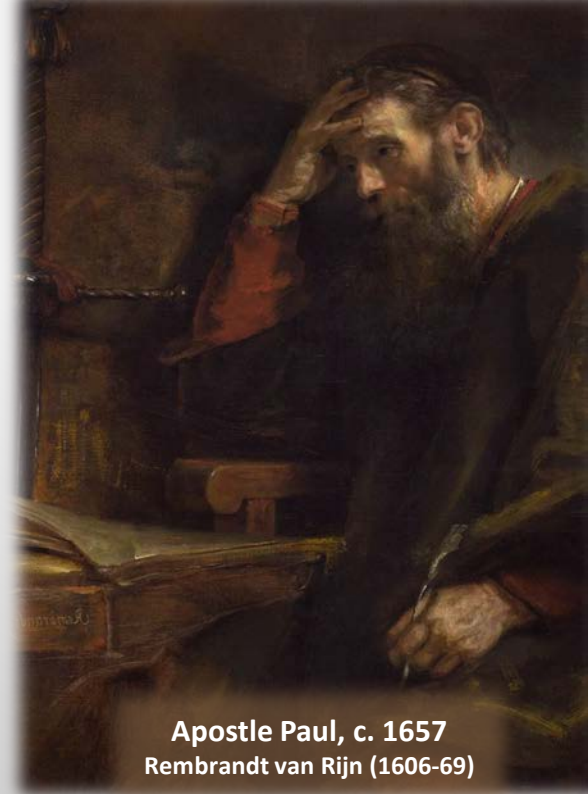
- ✓ Ah ... LIFE is not so sacred ...
- ✓ Ah ... OUR life is not so sacred ...

‘Tis the **LIFE of OTHERS** that matter most  
Their Eternal Destiny informs me of how

**I am to be All Things to All People**

Yet, on the Gospel ... Paul was unmovable

Yet, on Christ ... Paul was consuming fire



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**Paul ... who KILLED for Jews**

**Now Considers ALL a Loss for Christ**

**Paul ... single-steely-eyed witness**

**Paul ... facing death & beatings for Christ**

**Now comes to us in a LONG passage**

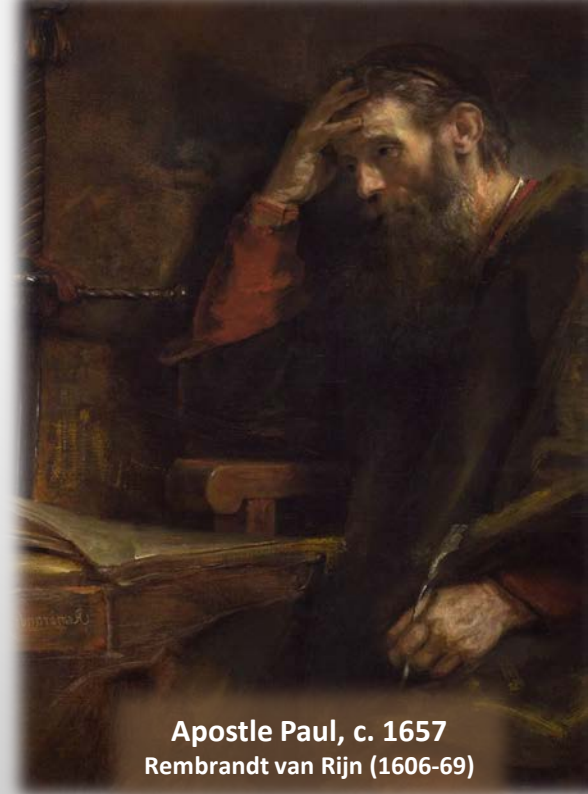
**Pleading we CONSIDER others & become**

**All Things to All People**

**Regarding things that do NOT matter ...**

**Food & Idols do NOT matter**

**Conscience All that REALLY Matters**



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# **1 Corinthians 8-10 ... *lifts up***

## **Sensitivity to Others' Feelings**

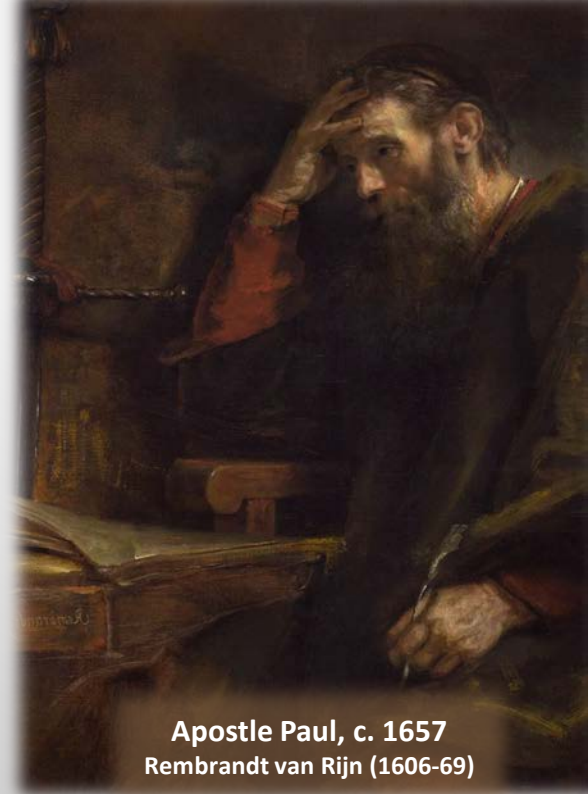
Greece ... origin of Science of Rhetoric

- ✓ Art of Persuading People
- ✓ Art of Argument to Convinced People
- ✓ Art of Moving People to Tears
- ✓ Art of Waking People to Truth

Paul addresses Food Sacrificed to Idols

Yet forwards a Sensitivity to People's Feelings

**A Christian Rhetoric – Art of Persuasion**



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# ***Rhetoric of Aristotle***

trans. Sir Richard Claverhouse Jebb, 1909

Famous for 300+ years by the time of Paul

In 1810, Edward Copleston, English Bishop of Llandaff, said of the *Rhetoric*:

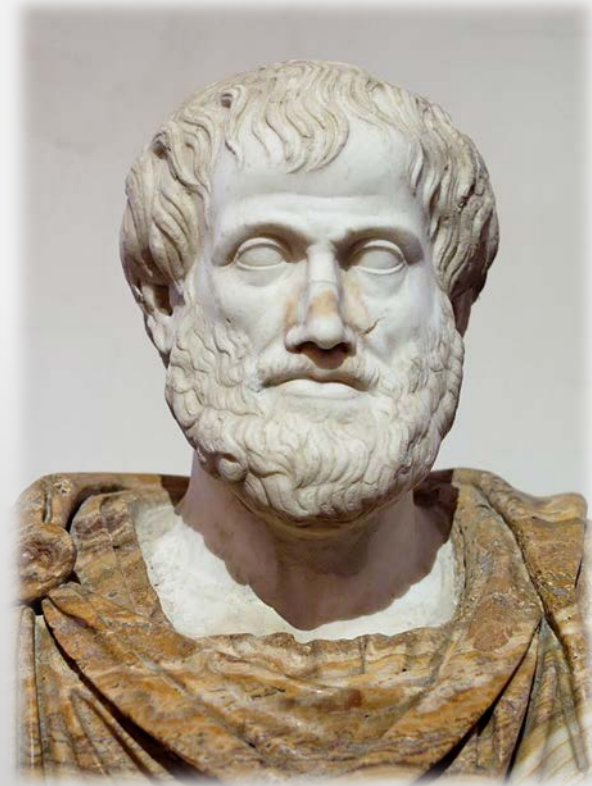
He sought [principles], if ever man did seek them, in the living pattern of the human heart.

All the recesses and windings of that hidden region he has explored:

all its caprices & affections—whatever tends to excite, ... to amuse, to gratify, or to offend it....

The whole is a textbook of human feeling;

a storehouse of taste....



**Aristotle 384-322 B.C.**

Roman marble bust copy  
of Greek bronze by  
Lysippos from 330 BC





# Outline of 1 Corinthians

**You're HERE**

- I. Greetings & Thanksgiving 1:1-9
- II. Problems from House of Chloe 1:10–6:20
  - A. Disunity 1:1–4:21
  - B. Immorality Tolerated 5:1–6:20
- III. Answers to Letter *FROM* Corinth 7:1-16:9
  - A. Questions about Marriage 7:1-40
  - B. Limitations of Christian Liberty 8:1–11:1
    - ... Regarding Food Sacrificed to Idols
  - C. Practices of Public Worship 11:2-16

**Storehouse of Rhetorical TASTE**

**Storehouse of Sensitivity to Human FEELINGS**

### **III. Answers to Letter *FROM* Corinth 7:1-16:9**

#### **B. Limitations of Christian Liberty 8:1–11:1**

*... Regarding Food Sacrificed to Idols*

1. Christian Conduct—Love, Not Knowledge
2. Paul's Apostolic Defense
  - a. Paul Defends Apostleship 9:1-2
  - b. Paul's Rights 9:3-14
  - c. Paul's Restraint 9:15-18
  - d. Paul's Freedom 9:19-23
  - e. Paul's Exhortation & Example 9:24-27
3. Conclusion—No Going to Temples 10:1-22
  - a. Example of Israel 10:1-5
  - b. Application—Warning Idolatry 10:6-13
  - c. Prohibition—Idols Are *Nothing* 10:14-22
4. On Eating Marketplace Food 10:23 – 11:1

**You're HERE**



**8:1-13 Knowledge Puffs, Love Builds ...**  
**Idols Are *NOTHING***

**Theme running thru 1 Corinthians chapters 7-16**

**Self Control – Discipline – Order**

- ✓ **Sex – Food – Lord's Supper – More**
- ✓ **RUN the RACE to WIN – Discipline Yourself**
- ✓ **Love Others ABOVE Self ...**
- ✓ **Use Gifts of Spirit to EDIFY ...**

**Self Control – Discipline – Order**





Great Philosopher **Hagär** the Horrible  
with dear son **Hamlet** in a *Father-Son Moment*



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**NEVER** should “**All Things to All People**” be in **VANITY**

Christians are NOT trying to “Get Others” by **Trickery**



8:1-13 Knowledge Puffs, Love Builds ...  
Idols Are *NOTHING*

<sup>1</sup> Now about food sacrificed to idols ...

This whole section from 8:1 to 11:1 is on

**Food Sacrificed to Idols**

● <sup>1</sup> *NOW ABOUT* → food sacrificed to idols:

We know that “We all possess knowledge.”

But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

“Now About” ... *sound familiar?*



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# 1 Cor. Chapters 7-16 – on Letter they Wrote

1 **NOW FOR** the matters you wrote about:

*KJV & NASB say*      good for a man  
not to touch a woman

“**NOW FOR**” or “**Now About**” appear **7 Times**

7:1    *now for* **Husbands & Wives**

7:25   *now for* **Virgins**

8:1    *now for* **Food Sacrificed to Idols**

8:4    *now for* **Eating such Food**

... 9-10 more on idolatry

... 11 on Lord's Supper

12:1   *now for* **Spiritual Gifts**

... 13 Love

... 14 Tongues & Prophecy

... 15 Resurrection

16:1   *now for* **Collections**

**You're HERE**

**Apollos**



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8:1-13 Knowledge Puffs, Love Builds ... Idols Are Nothing

**Straight to the POINT**

<sup>4</sup> So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols:  
*We know that*

**“An idol is NOTHING at all in the world”  
and that**

**“There is no God but one.”**

Every Christian KNOWS this ... in his/her **HEART**

God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit—we are

**God's Children**



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8:1-13 Knowledge Puffs, Love Builds ... Idols NOTHING

Moreover ... like a **machine gun blast**

- ✓ <sup>6</sup> .... one God, the Father,
- ✓ From whom all things came
- ✓ For whom we live
- ✓ There is but one Lord, Jesus Christ,
- ✓ Through whom all things came
- ✓ Through whom we live.
- ✓ Food does not bring us near to God
- ✓ No worse if NOT eat ...
- ✓ No better if we do.



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Paul machine gunned God's sovereignty ...  
Then begins his "How To" on INFLUENCE  
Look at this photo ... **WHO** is "Influencing"?



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Norman Rockwell  
*The Homecoming* (1945)  
*The Saturday Evening Post*  
(Oct. 13. 1945)  
Curtis Publishing Company





A detailed oil painting by Norman Rockwell titled 'The Homecoming' (1945). It depicts a group of men and boys in a cluttered workshop or garage. A man in a military uniform with pilot wings sits on the left, holding a red and white striped bag. A young boy in a striped shirt sits next to him. In the center, a man in a dark jacket and cap works on a small object. A young boy in a red sweater with a white 'R' stands behind him. On the right, a man in a white shirt and dark cap sits, looking towards the center. In the foreground, the back of a man in a brown jacket and cap is visible. The background is filled with various tools, a scale, a bottle, and a poster of a man's face with a star. The scene is lit by natural light from a window in the background.

**Who is Influencing**



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Paul then trades his machine gun ... and  
Puts on his Caterer Outfit ... **Serves up LOVE**

- ✓ <sup>9</sup> Careful ... not become a stumbling block
- ✓ <sup>10</sup> If one of weak conscience sees you ...  
eating in an idol's temple ...
- ✓ <sup>11</sup> Weak ... destroyed by your knowledge.
- ✓ <sup>12</sup> When you sin ... this way ... wound ...  
weak conscience, you sin against Christ.
- <sup>13</sup> *Therefore*, if what I eat causes my brother or  
sister to fall into sin, I will **NEVER** eat meat  
again, so that I will not cause them to fall.



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9:1-18 Paul Could **Charge for Services** ...  
**But Chooses to Preach for Free**

Chapter 8 kills ALL Idols ...

Chapter 8 also Enshrines Sensitivity ... LOVE

Chapter 9—PAUL declares: <sup>1</sup> **Am I not free?**

9:1-18 ... Yes, he is FREE ... has every right  
to get **PAID** for his services

<sup>7</sup> **Who serves as a soldier at his own expense?**  
**Who plants ... Who tends a flock ...**

**But Paul has chosen NOT to be paid.**



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**9:19-23 Walking in Their Shoes –  
Free ... Yet All Things to All**

**Though we have RIGHTS ... this side of heaven  
Paul ... and ALL OF US here today ...**

**Do NOT have to exercise ALL our RIGHTS**

**Christian Life is MORE than exercising Freedom**

**<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one,  
I have made myself a slave to everyone,  
to win as many as possible.**

**Here the masterful Paul engages in a reiteration**



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**Reiteration** – saying the same thing in different, diverse ways ... *Paul masterfully poetic* ...

## **Slave to EVERYONE**

**20 To the Jews I became like a Jew,  
to win the Jews.**

**To those under the law I became like one under  
the law (though I myself am not under the law),  
so as to win those under the law.**

**to the  
Jew**

**21 To those not having the law I became like one  
not having the law (though I am not free from  
God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to  
win those not having the law.**

**to the  
Gentile**



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**9:19-23 Walking in Their Shoes –**  
**Free ... Yet All Things to All**

**STRONGEST Apostle catering to ALL ...**

**<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak.  
I have become all things to all people  
so that by all possible means  
I might save some.**

**<sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel,  
that I may share in its blessings.**

**KEY here is – Strength it Takes to be Humble**



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**9:19-23 Walking in Their Shoes –  
Free ... Yet All Things to All**

**How you TREAT people ... ALL PEOPLE**

**Please ... hear this ...**

**In so many ways ... HOW you treat people**

- ✓ **Says a lot about WHO you are**
- ✓ **Says a lot about WHAT you care about**
- ✓ **Says a lot about ... the KIND of Christian you are**

**9:22—Good Verse to Memorize ... *All Things to All People***

**Much Better to PRACTICE**



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## 9:24-27 Running the Race – Run to Win

So ... Paul encourages them to PRACTICE

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Practice BEING a Christian ...

BEING a Christian involves ... *surprisingly*

**Being All Things to All People**

Mystery of Mysteries ... almost ... How do you

**“Be All Things” in a RACE to Win?**



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## **9:24-27 Running the Race – Run to Win**

**Paul encourages them to practice RACING**

**<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?**

**Run in such a way as to get the prize.**

**“Isthmian Games” held on isthmus of Corinth**

**Honored sea god Poseidon – every two years**

**Poseidon = Lord of Earth ... temple in Corinth**

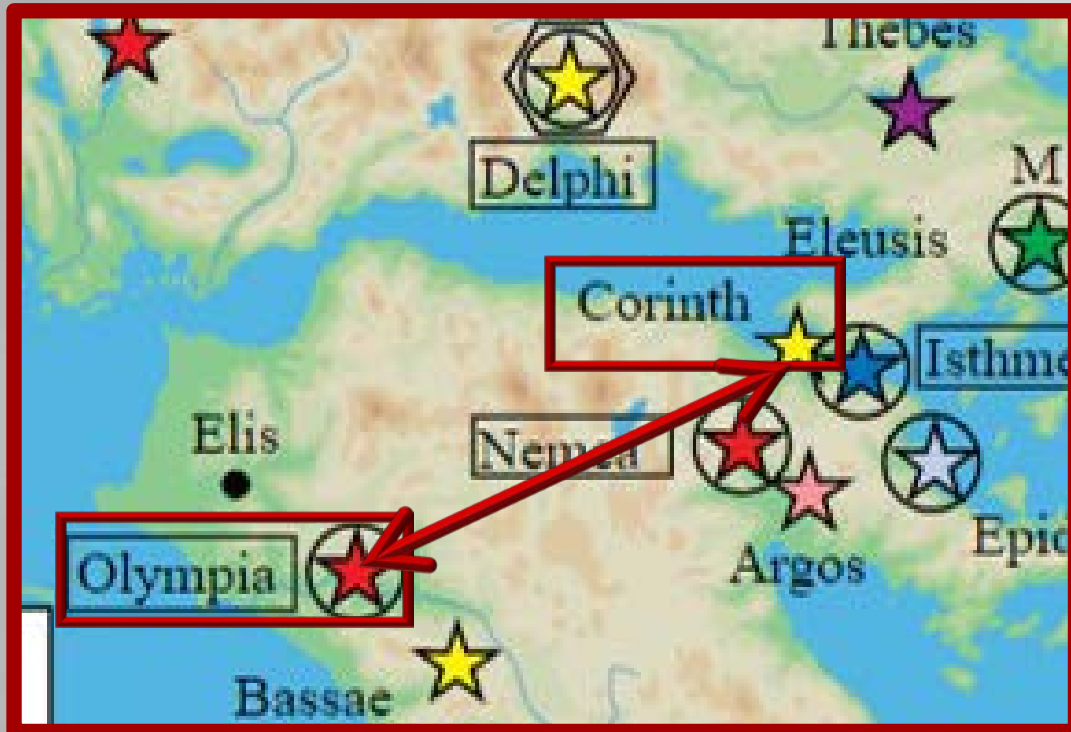
**One of the 12 Olympian Gods ...**



Poseidon from Milos, 2nd century BC  
Museum of Athens



**“Isthmian Games” ... 2nd only to  
great Olympic games – honoring Zeus**  
**1st Olympic Games c. 776 B.C. – Olympia**  
**Olympia ... almost 75 miles from Corinth**





# Olympia, View of the Palestra, Greece

## Palestra = Gymnasium



Museum of Athens



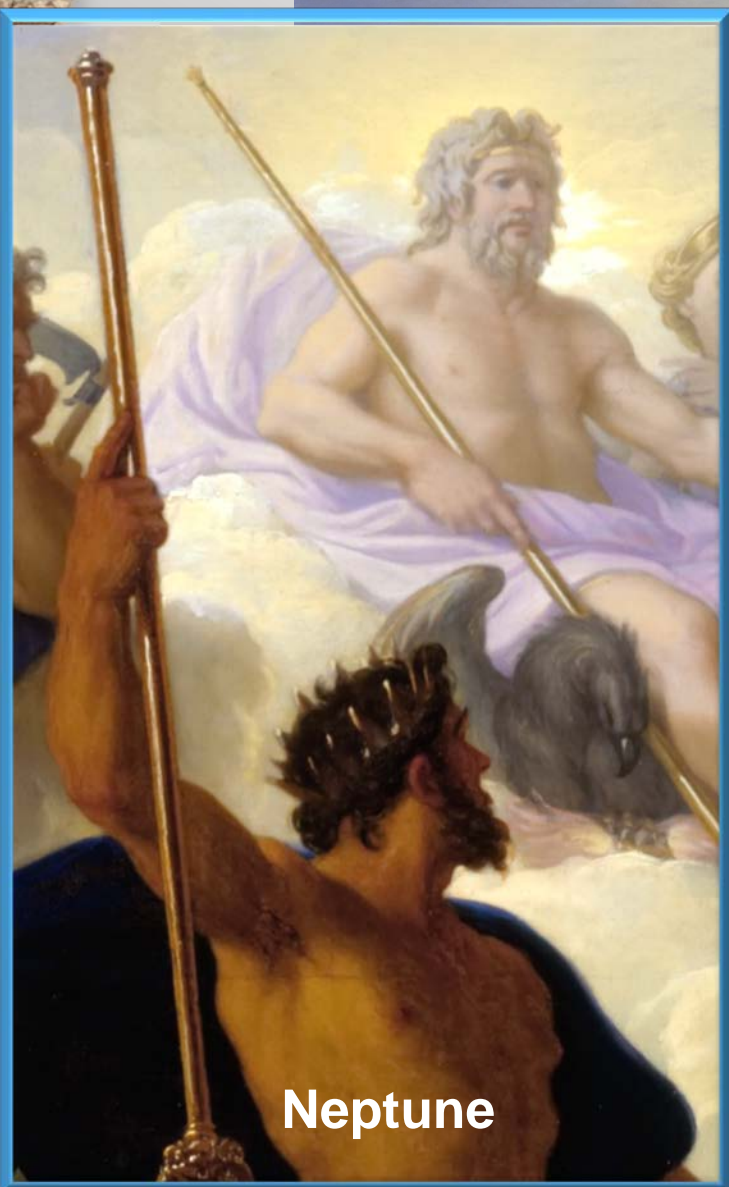


**Dispute of Minerva and Neptune, c. 1689  
by René-Antoine Houasse**

**Neptune – Roman Name for Poseidon**







Neptune



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Neptune – Roman Name for Poseidon

**“Isthmian Games” honoring Poseidon**

**Victors’ prize ... crown of dry wild celery**

**Changed to wreath of pine in Roman times**

**Pine being sacred to Poseidon**

**BOTH the Olympics & Isthmian Games  
died out when Christianity became  
dominant in the 4th century A.D.**

**But in Paul’s day ... who spent 2 years  
in Corinth ... writing from Ephesus**

**ALL Christians in Corinth had seen some  
of the Isthmian Games ... including Paul**

Poseidon from Milos, 2nd century BC  
Museum of Athens





Paul encourages them to practice RACING

<sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.

Greek Philosopher Plato (427-357 B.C.)  
said on the Olympiad ...

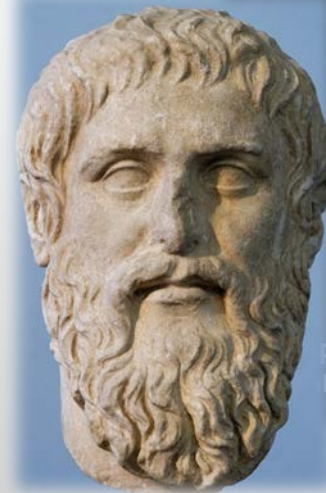
Athletes were required to go through

**Ten Months Training**

If they failed training – *disqualified*

*experts suspect same for Isthmian Games*

**All About Discipline**



Plato, Roman copy of bust  
by Silanion c. 370 BC for  
Academia in Athens



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**25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.**

**They do it to get a crown that will not last,  
but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.**

**26 Therefore I do not run like  
someone running aimlessly;  
I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.**

**What is this? ...**

**All About Discipline**

**ALL about Self-Control**



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## 9:24-27 Running the Race – Run to Win

HOW does it apply to “Being All to All People”

<sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**SELF-CONTROL to the uttermost – SLAVE**

- ✓ Slave to one's WILL
- ✓ Slave to one's GOAL
- ✓ Slave to one's GOD

Analogy to a Race & to Boxing ... not perfect



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Dale Carnegie did say:

There is only one way under high heaven  
to get the best of an argument—  
and that is to avoid it.

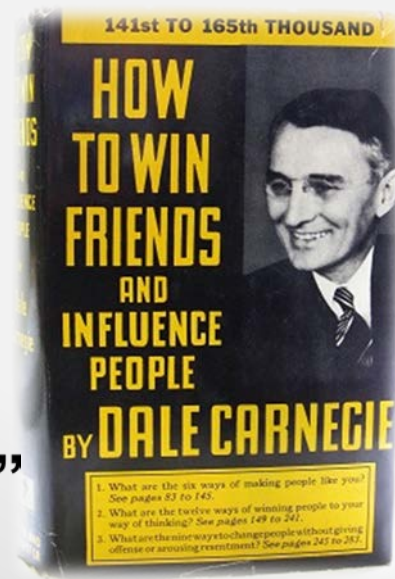
Self Control ... Focused on the “end” ... the “goal”

Dale Carnegie quoted French writer & poet  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900-44):

I have no right to say or do anything that  
diminishes a man in his own eyes.

What matters is not what I think of him,  
but **WHAT HE THINKS OF HIMSELF.**

Hurting a man in his dignity is a crime.





## 9:24-27 Running the Race – Run to Win

Paul is NOT Envisioning Competition

NOT about being BETTER than the Jones

Oh ... you'll hate me for this ... for REPEATING

**SELF-CONTROL to the Uttermost**

- ✓ SWEAT of the Athlete to Condition body
- ✓ WORK of the Athlete to Perfect a Skill
- ✓ PRACTICE of the Athlete to Refine Moves
- ✓ PAIN of the Athlete to Build Muscle

**Self-CONTROL to the Uttermost**



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**10:1-30 Cloud of Witnesses in Idolatry ...  
Don't Test Christ**

**Self-Control to be a Witness in CONTRAST to:**

**<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant ...  
our ancestors were all under the cloud ...**

**2 ... Moses ... baptized in sea ... drank from  
same rock ... ate spiritual food**

**<sup>5</sup> God was not pleased with most ...**

**7-8 Do not be idolaters ... sexual immorality ...  
as some of them were ...**

**<sup>11</sup> These things happened ... examples ...**



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10:1-30 Cloud of Witnesses in Idolatry ... Don't Test Christ

Self-Control **AGAINST** Self-Centered Idolatry

**12 So, if you think you are standing firm,  
be careful that you don't fall!**

Then that most beautiful passage ...

**13 No temptation has overtaken you except what  
is common to mankind. And God is faithful;  
he will not let you be tempted beyond what  
you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will  
also provide a way out so that you can endure it.**

**14 Therefore, my dear friends, FLEE FROM IDOLATRY....**



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10:1-30 Cloud of Witnesses in Idolatry ... Don't Test Christ

From there ... the Cup of Thanksgiving

<sup>16</sup> participation in the blood of Christ? ...  
bread ... body of Christ? ...

**REALITY of Idolatry ... sacrifices to Demons**

**NO Demon sacrificed food for the Lord's Supper**

<sup>21</sup> You cannot ... partake in both the Lord's table  
and the table of demons.

<sup>22</sup> Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy?  
Are we stronger than he?



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10:1-30 Cloud of Witnesses in Idolatry ... Don't Test Christ

<sup>23</sup> “I have the right to do anything,” you say—  
but not everything is beneficial.

“I have the right to do anything”—  
but not everything is constructive.

<sup>24</sup> No one should seek their own good,  
but the good of others.

vv. 25-30 ... Freedom to eat ... still honor ALL ...

Paul has gone into almost painful detail ... *FOR?*

Paul has repeated in several ways ... *FOR?*



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Federal Palace of Switzerland

In stained glass are 22 cantonal coats of arms

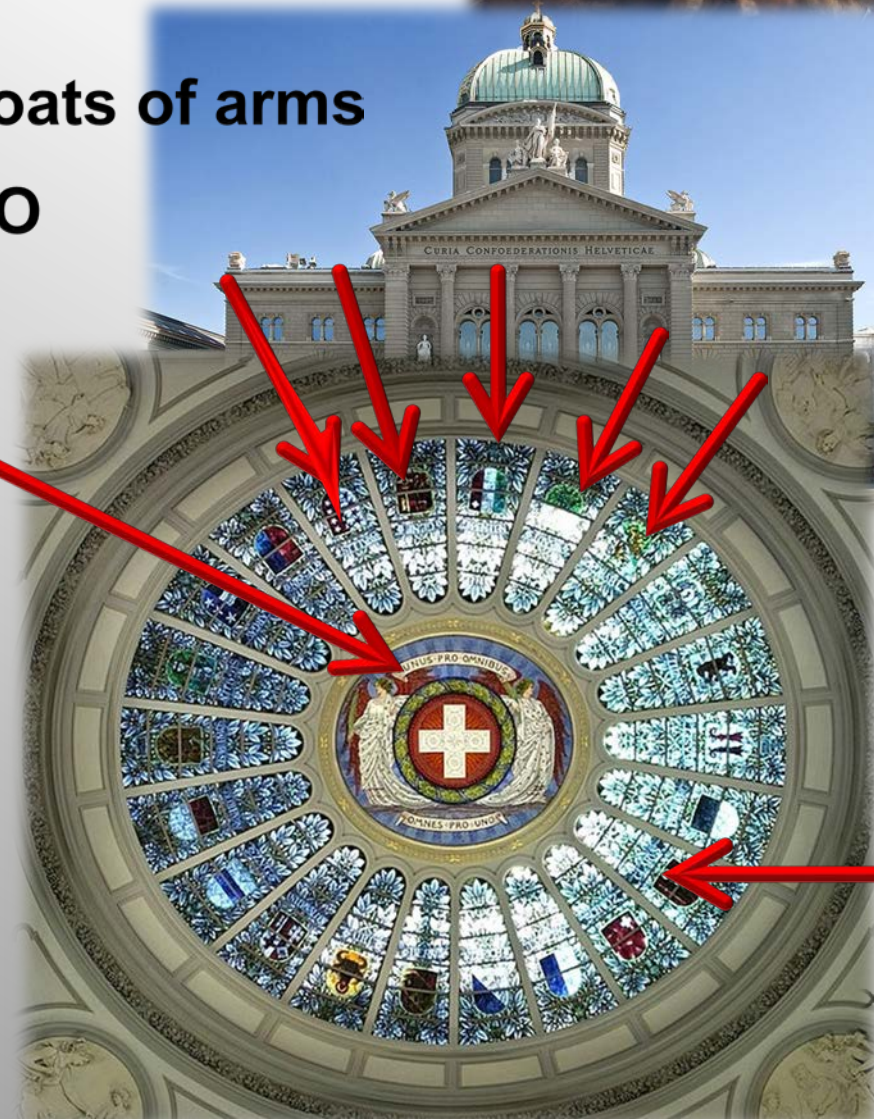
In CENTER is inscribed the MOTTO  
of Switzerland in Latin

UNUS PRO OMNIBUS,  
OMNES PRO UNO

"One for All, All for One"

It is also the motto of

*The Three Musketeers*  
written in French by  
Alexandre Dumas in 1844





As you know ... in *The Three Musketeers*  
D'Artagnan, Athos, Aramis, and Porthos  
Their motto was

**"One for all, all for one"**

Likewise the motto of all Musketeers  
These four ... stayed LOYAL  
Loyal to each other through

**Thick and Thin**

Three Musketeers by Maurice Leloir (1851-1940)  
1893 wood engraving by Jules Huyot



10:1-30 Cloud of Witnesses in Idolatry ... Don't Test Christ

Paul ever so gently, clearly ... elegantly

<sup>24</sup> No one should seek their own good,  
but the good of others.

This is ... in essence ...

*All for One,*

*One for All*

*or*

*All Things to All People*



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**10:31-33 Following the Leader –  
Do Everything for Glory of God**

**Paul closes chapters 8 thru 10 ... *FOR?***

- <sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or *WHATEVER*  
you do, do it all for the GLORY OF GOD.**
- <sup>32</sup> Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether  
Jews, Greeks or the church of God—**
- <sup>33</sup> even as I try to please everyone in every way.  
For I am not seeking my own good but  
the good of many, so that they may be saved.**

**Paul closes with an *END*, a *GOAL* ... *Glory to God***



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## **11:1 Imitate me, as I also Imitate Christ**

**Most include 11:1 ... as closing Chapter 8-10**

**11:1, Follow my example,**

**as I follow the example of Christ.**

**Where have we come in Chapters 8-10?**

**Where in 73 verses plus 11:1?**

**LOAD on Food Sacrificed to Idols & FREEDOM**

**First, notice what is ABSENT:**

✓ **No List of Rules**

✓ **No Inspector's List**

✓ **No OSHA Compliance List**

✓ **No Strict Law**



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While 1 Corinthians 8-10 is about

**FOOD Sacrificed to Idols**

The Lesson from Paul is MUCH MORE

Whereas “Food Sacrifice to Idols” is so cultural

Whereas “Food Sacrifice to Idols” to us, today

**MEANINGLESS ~ USELESS**

It was to Paul, too, for there are NO other gods

HOWEVER ... the LESSON of 1 Cor. 8-10 is

**UNIVERSAL**

**Applying to ALL Christians for All Time**



## 11:1 Imitate me, as I also Imitate Christ

Ah ... NOW notice what is PRESENT:

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| ✓ Freedom           | ➤ w Responsibility    |
| ✓ All Things to All | ➤ w Direction         |
| ✓ Eat All Food      | ➤ That Doesn't Offend |
| ✓ Flee All Idolatry | ➤ No Other God        |
| ✓ Discipline        | ➤ To Build Strength   |
| ✓ Self-Control      | ➤ To Build Skill      |
| ✓ Others First      | ➤ Self Last           |



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What is HARDER to Do? ... Law? or Freedom?

So, so, so dear Corinthian Christians ...

But Paul is NOT going to be a Pharisee

Paul is NOT going to BABY you ...

- ✓ Not Going to Measure your Skirt or Tunic
- ✓ Not Going to Tell You which Fork to use
- ✓ Not Going to Tell HOW to Measure a Weaker Person
- ✓ NOT, NOT Going to Tell you WHAT to Eat

**Freedom is Harder**



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This makes clear ... once again ...

A major tenet of the New Covenant in Christ

LAW is fulfilled ... yes ... but never done away

You are now FREE to do MORE than the LAW

Good Samaritan did ABOVE the Law

“Do unto others  
as you would have done to you”

is doing much MORE than the Law

And that is the heart of my book, too,

**Would You Lie to Save a Life—  
a Theology on the Ethics of Love**



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11:1 Imitate me, as I also Imitate Christ

Compliance Lists ... ANYONE Can Check

OHSA Food Service ... EASY, Any can Measure

But USE of Freedom? ... Yours Baby, ALL Yours

No ONE Wants to be Like Paul ... he was **THE**

✓ Most Unselfish

✓ Most Giving

✓ Most Cordial

✓ Most "All Things to All"

✓ Most Sensitive to Feelings

✓ Stronger to Strong

Christian Life is ... yes ... like a Race ... but there is

**No Competition with Others**



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All Things to All People? ONLY for Strong

Others' Needs FIRST? ONLY for Strong

The Race ... The Discipline ... Self-Control

Sweat ... Toil ... Straining of Heart & Soul

Is yes, yes, yes ... to gain an Eternal Crown

Christian Life is ALL about YOUR Submission to God

YOUR Responsibility HERE TODAY to God's Kingdom

YOUR Responsibility in CHOOSING ...

**FAR from Competition with Others**



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# 11:1 Imitate me, as I also Imitate Christ

All about Principles ... Maxims ...

Parables ... Goals ... Ideals ... LOVE

To “Flee Idols”

**LOVE**

To “Put others First”

**LOVE**

To “Be All Things to All People”

**LOVE**

Oh ... that seems so obvious but ... NOT Specific

Oh ... that seems so clear ... yet ... without guidance

**FAR from Competition with Others**



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Law fulfilled in Christ ... **FREE to do MORE**

Christian Life is All About Goals & Principles

LOOK again at the what Paul showed us in 8-10

To **LOVE** “Flee Idols”

To **LOVE** “Put others First”

To **LOVE** “Respect Another’s Conscience”

To **LOVE** “Be All Things to All People”

Much harder than a compliance list ... Much Harder

**YOU Have to Choose How & When**

**& HOW MUCH**



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1 Corinthians 8-10 ... Food to Idols – NOTHING  
HOW do you Run the Christian Race ...

**YOU** Discipline Yourself ... **YOU** chose daily

**How & When**

**You Are ALL Things**

**to ALL PEOPLE**

**That's the Work of Christian Love**

**That's LOVE**



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*All For Love ...* by Bryan Adams

Written for the 1993 movie *Three Musketeers*

When it's love you give  
I'll be a man of good faith.

Then in love you live.

I'll make a stand. I won't break.  
I'll be the rock you can build on,  
Be there when you're old,  
To have and to hold....

I'll be the wall that protects you  
From the wind and the rain,  
From the hurt and the pain.



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Let's make it all for one and all for LOVE ....

'Cause when it's all for one it's one for all....

I'll be there when you need me.

When honor's at stake,

This vow I will make ...

That is all for one and all for love.

It's all for love.



FBC Woodville  
Sunday School Class  
Michael G. Maness  
see  
[PreciousHeart.net/SS](http://PreciousHeart.net/SS)

