

Divided by Knowledge

1 Corinthians 8, 10, and Romans 14

Points to Consider

1. The Goals. 2. The Problems. 3. The Solutions

The Goals

1 Cor 8:12-13 - We should _____ doing anything that causes a brother to stumble.

1 Cor 10:31-33 - Don't offend people, but rather _____ them.

Rom 14:13 - We are not to _____ one another.

The Problems

1 Cor 8:1-3 - Some were _____ up because they had greater knowledge than others. Some _____ they knew more than they really did.

1 Cor 8:4-6 - The truth is that there is only one God and one Christ. It is also true that an idol is nothing. This appears to be the hang up for some.

1 Cor 8:7-8 *However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.* NKJV

Some could not eat meat offered to idols without _____ their conscience.

1 Cor 8:9-13 - Another major problem is that when a weaker brother, who only eats vegetables, sees a brother with knowledge eating in an idol's temple, he might be tempted to _____ his conscience by eating the meat sacrificed to idols.

Rom 14:1-4 - Those who ate meat sacrificed to idols _____ and _____ those who didn't eat meat sacrificed to idols.

Solutions

The solution is not to stop learning.

Prov 2:10 *When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul.* NKJV

Prov 18:15 *The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.* NKJV

2 Peter 1:5-9 *But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful*

in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. NKJV

Knowledge is one of the Christian virtues. God _____ us to have knowledge.

1 Tim 6:20-21 *O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge — 21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen. NKJV*

God does not want us to have _____ knowledge

2 Tim 3:6-9 *For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. NKJV*

God wants us to have knowledge of the _____.

The Sadducees knew a lot about the Scriptures, yet Jesus said they didn't know the Scriptures nor the power of God (Mark 12:4).

John 5:39-40 *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. NKJV*

You can know the Scriptures but _____ the main point of what the Scriptures teach.

1 Cor 8:11-13 - Understand the **main** point! - Jesus died for _____!

When we sin against another person, we are sinning against _____. (Matt 25:31-46)

We should do everything we can to help people get to heaven. At times, this will require great _____ on our part.

Matt 12:3-8 - Matthew records Jesus telling the Jews to go back and learn what God meant when He said that He desired mercy and not sacrifice.

Hos 6:6 *For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. NKJV*

1 Sam 15:22-23 - A small percentage of the time the Hebrew word translated "obey" in verse 22 appears in the Old Testament is it actually translated "obey." The word means to hear, listen, or understand.

When we _____ God then we can understand and obey His teaching.

This was one of the major differences between Saul and David.

1 Sam 15:1-9 - If Saul understood _____ God wanted the Amalekites destroyed, he probably would have followed through and obeyed.

If Saul would have understood that God doesn't need our stuff, he might have obeyed God.

If Saul knew the _____ of God, He would have gladly obeyed.

1 Cor 10:31-33; 1 Cor 8:13; Rom 14:10-13

In all three of these passages, Paul is showing who God is, what He wants, and why to get them to _____.