

Three Guiding Priorities

Series: Servanthood and social issues Part 2

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Series theme passage

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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1. _____ **God**
2. _____ **one another**
3. _____ **the mission**

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

² If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know;

³ but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

⁶ yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.

⁷ However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food* as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

⁸ But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

⁹ But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰ For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols?

¹¹ For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

¹² And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble.

9:20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law;
²¹ to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.

²³ And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

²⁵ And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

²⁷ but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

³ and all ate the same spiritual food;

⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.

⁷ And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

⁸ Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

⁹ Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

¹⁰ Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

¹⁵ I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

¹⁶ Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

¹⁷ Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

¹⁸ Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

¹⁹ What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

²⁰ *No*, but *I* say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

²² Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?

²³ All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.

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

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

²⁶ for the earth is the Lord's, and all it contains.

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

²⁸ But if anyone should say 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;

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

³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give thanks?

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

³² Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

³³ just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, that they may be saved.

11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

The big idea (attitude): _____