

**Love Your Weaker Brother**  
**1 Corinthians 8:4-13**  
January 21, 2024

- 1. Truth you should know about idols (4-6)**
- 2. Understand that some believers do not have the knowledge you have (7)**
- 3. Take care that your “right” does not become a stumbling block to other believers (8-10)**
- 4. Understand the destruction you can cause with such “knowledge” (11-12)**
- 5. Be willing to forego your “rights” for the sake of your brother’s soul (13)**

*Next week: Matthew 3:7-12*

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is an idol? What is idolatry?
3. Why is idolatry sinful?
4. What is a stumbling block? In this passage, what does it mean to be a stumbling block to another Christian?
5. What does it mean in verse 11 for a person to be “destroyed”?
6. Can you think of any ways in which you have tempted another person to sin? Was it sinful to do so? Is there anything you still need to do about this? Explain.
7. What does this passage teach us to value?

### Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. What was it about eating food known to have been offered to idols that made it sinful?
3. Describe the mindset of the Corinthian believers who believed they had a right to eat in an idol’s temple. What was wrong with their mindset? Do you ever have a similar mindset? Explain.
4. Verse 11 speaks of destroying a brother by your knowledge. How might you be able to do something similar? Explain.
5. How does this passage teach us to view and value other believers?
6. How can we cultivate the Christlike mindset taught in this passage?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?