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1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

For God's Glory to the Benefit of Many

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Live for God's Glory

1 Corinthians 10:31 (LEB)
Therefore, whether you eat or you drink or **whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God,**

- This summarizes the key issues of 8:1-11:1
- False knowledge, dining with demons in the idol temple, etc. do not glorify God
- "Do" is the first of three imperatives in this section

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Do Not Cause Anyone to Stumble

1 Corinthians 10:32 (LEB)
Give no offense both to Jews and to Greeks and to the church of God,

- The practices Paul wrote to correct did not glorify God and did harm others
- The word translated 'no offense' means blameless, or undamaged
- Thiselton translates "avoid doing damage"
- These 3 categories of people describe 'all'
- "Greeks" here means non-Jewish pagans

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Paul Sought the Benefit of Others

1 Corinthians 10:33 (LEB)
just as I also please all people in all things, not seeking my own benefit, but **the benefit of the many, in order that they may be saved.**

- 'in order that' (Gr. *hina*) is a purpose clause
- Salvation from God's wrath is the greatest possible benefit
- 'Benefit' is *sumphoros* which can also be translated 'advantage'

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Paul Imitated Christ We Must as Well

1 Corinthians 11:1 (LEB)
Become imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

- 'Become' is imperative in the Greek
- The issue is placing the welfare of others before one's own self-interest
- 10:33 mentioned the "benefit of many"
- Christ gave Himself for many (Is. 53:11, 12)

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Implications and Applications

- God saves a people and changes them to show forth His glory
- The benefit of the many is that they believe the gospel and find eternal life

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All For God's Glory

2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

2 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV)

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us **an eternal weight of glory** beyond all comparison,

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Messiah Suffered for the Many

Isaiah 53:5 (NASB)

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; **The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,** And by His scourging we are healed.

Isaiah 53:11 (HCSB)

He will see it out of His anguish, and He will be satisfied with His knowledge. **My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will carry their iniquities.**

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The Sinless Servant Bore the Sin of Many

Isaiah 53:12 (HCSB)

Therefore **I will give Him the many as a portion,** and He will receive the mighty as spoil, because He submitted Himself to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet **He bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.**

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