Note: 1 Corinthians 10:1-33 is sandwiched between Paul’s witness in 9:24-27 and 11:1.

*My Liberty in Relationships*

(27) 23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Note: “Lawful” reminds us of Galatians 5:23b “against such there is no law”. “Not expedient” and “edify not” consider tier three doctrines that we must be careful on how and when to address. The strong must remember the weak.( 1 Cor 8:1-7-12, 9:22) and “receive the weak, but not to doubtful disputing” (1 Cor 1:20 & Ro 14:1).

Another’s Conscience

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's [wealth]. 25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, [that] eat, asking no question for conscience sake: 26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. 27 If any of them that believe not bid you [to a feast], and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. 28 But if any man say to you, This is offered in sacrifice to idols, eat not for his sake that showed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: 29 Conscience, I say, not your own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another [man's] conscience? 30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

Note: “Wealth” is in context with (1 Cor 9:8-18). Many commentators and versions will insert welfare. Wealth is always spiritual first, then material (3 John 2) “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

*Do Not Offend Anyone’s Conscience*

**31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.** 32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: 33 Even as I please all [men] in all [things], not seeking my own profit, **but the [profit] of many, that they may be saved**.

Note: May we have a pure conscience as Paul clearly did at this point in his life, and until his death (1 Cor 9:24-27, 11:1). Saved includes the Jews, Gentiles, and the Ekklesia, therefore initial and continual daily salvation. We can have victory in temptation to prevent and reduce sin in our lives so our Father in Heaven can use us to save others.

**11:1 Be ye imitators of me, even as I also [am] of Christ.**

**1Ti 1:5** Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and [of] a good conscience, and [of] faith unfeigned: **1Ti 3:9** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. **2Ti 1:3** I thank God, whom I serve from [my] forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

**Heb 10:22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Common words and themes in 1 Corinthians 10 Key verses are 10:13 and 10:31**

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| **“Do or do not”**  Not – 19  No – 3  Nor – 2  Neither – 5  None – 1  30x | **All – 16**  Every – 1  One – 4  Any - 2  23x  Many – 2  Some - 4  Same – 2 | **Words**  Tempt(ation/ed) – 3  eat – 7 (1-13)  drink – 5 (1-13)  Idol – 5 (14-22)  Conscience – 5 (23-33) | **Godhead**  God - 5  Christ – 5  Holy Spirit – 0  Spiritual - 3 | I - 12  Me - 3  My --2  17x  We - 6  Us - 2  Our – 3  11x | You - 5  Ye - 13  Your - 0  18x  They – 7  Them – 8  Their – 0  15x |

The conscience of an individual, a family, a local church, a state/county, and a nation**. Where is our national conscience?** How is the hand of God upon our nation? Proverbs 14:34 Our tipping point was in the 1960s when **our nation removed prayer and the Bible** from the Public Schools. This week congress approved The Equality Act which adds sexual orientation & gender ID.to the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Bible prophecy foretells these times.

How can we reverse our nations Slouching Toward Gomorrah? We must restore the priority of the **Bible and prayer** - personally-family-local church/area. Be men and women of the Bible & prayer. Then trust God!