



imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh."

2. Questions of _____,

Two questions:

◆ Do I have _____, verses 1, 3

(2 Corinthians 3:6) "... for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

◆ Will I insist on my _____, verses 9-13, 10:31-3, 14-16, 19-22

(Romans 14:20-21) "Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. {21} It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak."

(2 Corinthians 6:3) "We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed."



Learning from a Worldly Church

Handling Differences

1 Corinthians 8 teaches that we can handle differences by asking two sets of questions:

1. Questions of _____,

Two questions:

◆ Do I have _____, verses 2, 4-6, 8

(Matthew 15:16-17) "... Are you also still without understanding? {17} Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?"

(Philippians 2:5-8) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, {6} who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, {7} but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. {8} And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."



◆ Have I _____ my brother, verse 7

(Romans 14:1-6) "Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. {2} For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. {3} Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. {4} Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. {5} One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. {6} He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks."



(Colossians 2:16-17) "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, {17} which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ."

(Colossians 2:20-23) "Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations; {21} Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," {22} which all concern things which perish with the using; according to the commandments and doctrines of men? {23} These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-

