

In Corinth, a dispute arose among members of the church over whether meat sacrificed to idols was acceptable for Christians to eat. Paul provided a lengthy answer to this problem that can be summarized this way: Eat whatever you want, according to your conscience, without offending a fellow believer. In short, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

In Colossians, Paul surveyed the 'marketplace' of relationships one enters into as a Christian: being a wife, a husband, a child, a father, a servant, a master...the list could go on. The variables and contingencies involved in relationships are far more varied than the kinds of foods offered in a public market, yet Paul summarized his discussion with a similar guideline as he gave to the Corinthians: "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." (Colossians 3:23). Glorify God, and relate to others as you would relate to God.

Paul said in Colossians 3:24 there is a reward for those who live accordingly - a reward for right choices and relationships.

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