

**November 3, 2024**

Behavior Guided by Love

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul changes topics to a dispute concerning food offered to an idol. He begins by addressing their so-called knowledge. Their knowledge leads to misguided behavior based on their freedom in Christ. Namely, they believe they can do anything they want, without worrying about the fallout related to their behavior. Grounding one's behavior in love prevents the abuse of that freedom and the negative impact on others.

**Additional Verses:**

Deuteronomy 6:4-8

Psalms 51:3-4

Isaiah 44:12-20

Matthew 7:21-23

John 3:16-17, 10:27-28

Romans 5:8, 10:9

Galatians 5:1-15

**Outline:**

1. Guiding principle: Love is greater than knowledge

2. Foundational truth: There is only one God

3. Practical Consideration: Our actions impact others.

**Study Questions:**

1. Why is love greater than knowledge? React to the following quote: "The aim of our faith is not knowledge but love."

2. Have you ever been a knowledge tyrant? How so? Did you accomplish that which you wanted? What would have been a better way?

3. Why is it important to remember there is only one God? How does God view idolatry? Why is it called folly by Isaiah?

4. Have you ever subjectively or objectively participated in idolatry? If so, how? What implications did your actions have on other believers?

5. How can the exercise of your rights be a stumbling block? Why is this a great concern? How can you not be a stumbling block?

6. Do you buy the apple fritter? Why or why not?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?