

ENCORE Discoveries

1. What is the key theme in today's verses? *WORSHIP THE _____ GOD*
2. "Idolatry" is finding our primary delight in a personal object instead of delighting in the only One who really deserves our love. According to today's passage, idol worship was a great temptation for the Corinthians, and since all Scripture is "profitable," we know it applies to us, too. Think of some "objects of devotion" that we tend to "worship" in America.
3. Look at Deuteronomy 32:21, Jeremiah 25:6-7, and Revelation 21:8. Then look at verses 19-21 of today's passage. What do you think it is about "idol" worship that angers God?
4. According to verse 22, God tolerates no competition and will not allow idolatry to go unpunished. "Love cannot but be jealous of wandering affections; it would not be love if it did not resent unfaithfulness." Discuss.
5. What contemporary practices will involve believers in fellowship with demons? Using the ouija board? Transcendental meditation? Involvement in the occult? What else?
6. What did Paul mean by his statement, "all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient" (verse 23)?
7. Verses 27-30 give an example of how to act before unbelievers. What attitudes does this example encourage believers to have?
8. Discuss the importance of doing all for the glory of God (v. 31).
9. When is it proper to ask someone to copy us (as Paul did in 11:1)?

Theme: Worship with the True God

Monday

Which “idols” in my life tend to draw me away from the one true God?

Tuesday

Which area(s) of my spiritual walk with Christ do I need to work on to help me avoid being drawn away by those idols?

Wednesday

What other practical steps can I take to keep me others-minded instead of self-indulgent?

Thursday

Have I “given offense” this week by taking a borderline-liberty too far (10:32)? Do I have a balanced view of how God wants me to use or set aside my Christian liberties for His glory (10:31)?

Friday

In what ways can others “imitate me” (11:1)? In what ways should others *not* imitate me?

Saturday

“LORD, this is an important passage and I thank You for including it in Scripture. **Give me grace to daily worship You alone, the one and only true God.** Help me to discern the idols in my life and either get rid of them or put them in their proper place. May I never be guilty of ‘fellowshipping with demons.’ Give me a deepening desire to be others-minded, yielding my liberties for the sake of those around me and Your glory. In Jesus’ Name I pray, and so be it.”