



Be Sensitive to Others

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 8

This short chapter brings to my mind the varied degrees of our walk in Christ. Some of us take for granted the level of understanding of scripture that others may possess. That speaks specifically to our passage. Paul identified a new brother in Christ who took offense to a more mature brother in Christ eating food that had been offered to idols. Even though this may have been an acceptable practice, it was not an edifying endeavor. You see, someone had a feeling of indifference because of their background. Paul responded so eloquently to this issue, "But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak." My friends, we must guard ourselves against anyone taking something we say or do out of context. We never want to be a stumbling block or the reason that someone falls away from Christ.

An example I like to use is myself. Most people know that I am from a different faith. In a group setting a brother highlighted this faith in a very negative manner. I took offense and could have stepped away from this faith. I did not see love for others in those negative inferences in that setting. However, I did have some communication with the brother and we came to a better end. Now this brother did not understand my dilemma initially, because he was only making a distinction between two entities. As innocent as the incident may have seemed, there could have been a more negative outcome.

My point is this, never take for granted that everyone is on the same page, and at the same level of spiritual growth, because they are churching. We are all members of the Body of Christ, all growing together. Therefore, let us never take for granted the conscience of another. Everything that is said and done should be to uplift and edify each member of Body of Christ. If we can maintain this level of consciousness, we will embody Paul's affirmation as to whom we belong.

"Yet for us, there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

Let us all get to this level of thought together. Have a wonderful day as you walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 9

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