

“It’s Time to Be Holy”  
1 Corinthians 8

***“Maintain a continual watchfulness so that nothing of which you would be ashamed arises in your life.” (Oswald Chambers)***

Introduction:

***1 Corinthians 8:1-3, “ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ This ‘knowledge’ puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.”***

1. Paul addresses the issue of their hearts:
  
2. Paul reminds them that Christian behavior is founded:
  
3. Paul reminds them that the goal of the Christian life:
  
4. Knowledge without love will cause us:
  
5. Love with knowledge will cause us:
  
6. That moment that we think we know it all:
  
7. The knowledge that we truly need is:

***1 Corinthians 8:4-6, “<sup>4</sup> Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘an idol has no real existence,’ and that ‘there is no God but one.’ <sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘lords’— <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”***

1. The One true God is not in competition with other “gods”:
  
2. Paul does not miss the opportunity to:

**1 Corinthians 8:7-8, <sup>7</sup> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do."**

1. Some of the Corinthian Christians felt free to eat at the pagan temple because:

2. Some of the Corinthian Christians were eating at the pagan temples:

3. Paul is asking those who knew there was nothing to eating the meat to remember:

4. There comes a time when being right must:

5. We aren't more spiritual because:

6. We aren't more spiritual because:

**1 Corinthians 8: 9-13, <sup>9</sup> But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup> Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble."**

1. There are times when we must surrender:

2. We have not been given knowledge to harm and destroy others:

3. It is never right to influence a brother or sister:

4. Paul makes it clear that our actions are not to be just based on what we know to be right for ourselves:

Conclusion: