

controlling my life?

I Corinthians 6:12 *“All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”*

D. Does it build up and help others?

Romans 14:19 *“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”*

I Corinthians 10:23 *“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.”*

E. If another Christian saw me do this, would it hurt them?

Romans 14:13-15 *“Let us not therefore judge one another by any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.”*

Romans 15:1-2 *“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.”*

F. Would this cause an unsaved person to reject Jesus Christ?

I Corinthians 10:31-33 *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.”*



FOUNDATIONS OF MY FAITH SERIES

Notes:

LESSON 14:

PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING

Practical Christian Living

After salvation, should there be a change in the way I live?

1. Our lives should show evidence that the Holy Spirit now lives within us.
Galatians 4:6 “*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*”
2 Corinthians 5:17 “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.*”
2. Our lives should focus on a willingness to please God rather than obey the flesh.
Romans 8:8 “*So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*”
Ephesians 4:22 “*That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*”

Since my sins are forgiven, why can't I do what I want to do?

1. Forgiveness through salvation is not a license to sin.
Romans 6:1-2 “*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*”
Romans 6:12-13 “*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*”
2. Our choices, whether to sin or to obey God, have personal consequences.
Galatians 6:7 “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*”
3. Our choices have consequences that affect other people.
Romans 14:7 “*For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.*”
Joshua 22:20 “*Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that*

man perished not alone in his iniquity.”

Now that I am a Christian, are there activities and relationships that I should avoid?

1. Yes. Since we will give an account of our lives at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we should inspect all areas of our lives to see if God is pleased with them.
2 Timothy 3:16 “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*”
2. Yes. Because Biblical separation is commanded and commended by God.
2 Corinthians 6:14-18 “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*”
Romans 12:2 “*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*”
3. You can determine proper activities and relationships by using Biblical principles.
 - A. Will it bother my conscience?
Acts 24:16 “*And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.*”
Colossians 3:17 “*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*”
 - B. Would I be embarrassed if Jesus were to return while I was doing this?
1 Corinthians 1:8 “*Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”
1 Thessalonians 5:23 “*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”
 - C. Am I being brought under the power of something that should not be