

LOVE: RESPECTING THE CONSCIENCE OF OTHERS

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1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*But although being a "know-it-all" makes us feel important,
what is really needed to build the church is love*

Primary Point: We must love people by respecting their conscience

Define Love: Understand where people are at, accept them and help them take a next step

1. UNDERSTAND THEIR CONSCIENCE

- A. Realize I don't know everything (v. 2)
- B. Good understanding produces favor (Prov 13:15)
- C. Be quick to listen (James 1:19)

2. ACCEPT THEIR CONSCIENCE

- A. Realize there is a reason others think differently than you (v. 7)
- B. Use my freedom wisely (v. 9)
- C. Let them be fully convinced (Rom 14:5)

3. HELP THEIR CONSCIENCE

- A. Don't force my conscience on others (v. 12)
- B. Be willing to adapt my conscience for the sake of others (v. 13)
- C. Remember the golden rule (Luke 6:31)

APPLICATION

Next time someone disagrees with you, ask them questions FIRST

Life Group Discussion ?'s

1. What is something that you learned from the message?
2. Give an example of a conscience issue for yourself
3. How does God want you to treat those who have a different conscience than you?
4. Has someone forced their conscience on you and how did it feel?
5. What should you do if your conscience disagrees with a pastor?