

1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians Chapter 8: The Missing Ingredient



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The Passage Outlined

- The problem 8:1a
- The principles to be used 8:1b-3
- The problem worked out 8:4-12
- The action required 8:13

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The problem...

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, ...



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Ancient issue?

You need more than just

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You need love.

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Food plays a vital role in Hinduism, and Hindu temples provide food not just for sustenance, but also to cultivate their communities. All temple meals are vegetarian and reasonably priced to feed visitors on a budget.

Ganesh Temple Canteen This Queens Canteen is housed underneath The Hindu Temple Society of North America located in Flushing. It was started in 1993 to prepare food offerings, known as *naivedyam*, to the Hindu deities in accordance with agama shastras, the collection of ideas and principles that guide the Hindu faith.

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The Basic Principles

- we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. ² If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; ³ but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.



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Key verse for 1 Corinthians

- **1 Corinthians 1:10** ¹⁰ Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.



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“Learning to teach others to value the discerned will of God is a challenging task. Perhaps, the art is lost because it is much easier to coerce compliance than to persuade or convert. Yet coercion is a poor substitute, and the danger of fostering a man-pleasing compliance can lead to the prideful and shallow conformity that legalistic systems foster”

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The basic principles...

You need more than just truth. You need love.

1. We know that we all have knowledge. (Vs 1b)
2. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. (Vs 1c)



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The basic principles...

And that love and knowledge has to be rooted in a relationship with God

1. ² If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; (Vs 2)
2. ³ but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. (Vs 3)



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What we know about idols...

- ⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, **WE KNOW** that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.



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Why we know what we know

- ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, ⁶ 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.



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What should we do though ...

- ⁷ However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food* as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

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What should we do though ...



- ⁸ But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

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What should we do though ...

- ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols?



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We need to reason from the Gospel

- ¹¹ For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. ¹² And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.



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... And act accordingly

- ¹³ Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.



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“When everybody decides to put the things of Christ first, and is willing to suffer personal loss that the honor and glory of Christ might be advanced, this is what brings harmony to a congregation. That is always the unifying factor in a church, and that is the mind that is to be among us, the mind that does not consider itself the most important thing.” Ray Steadman



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