

# The 6 - 8 - 10 Principles

(1 Corinthians 10:23-33)

**Introduction:** Every Bible student knows, the Bible not only deals in “specifics,” but in eternal principles which are “general” but, just as truthful as well. When one becomes a Christian, there are certain habits and practices in one’s life which must be terminated. Through a study of God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15), we learn they are wrong and do not honor the Lord (Col. 3:17). Some other practices, however, are not so clear. We may question, “are they wrong, or aren’t they?” The Bible was specific about swearing (Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8), stealing (Rom. 2:21; Eph. 4:28), lying (Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9) but, what about those “doubtful” activities concerning which the Bible gives no clear or specific command?

## I. Four Biblical Principles

- A) 1st Corinthians contains four biblical principles which give answers of how to know a “right action” from a “wrong action” even though there might not be any “specific” command or commands in the Bible governing the actions.
- B) Anytime we are “doubtful” as to what the Bible teaches concerning our actions or thoughts, let us always ask ourselves the following questions:
1. Is It \_\_\_\_\_? (1 Corinthians 6:12)
    - (a) Is whatever I’m about to do helpful to me “physically,” or will it harm?
    - (b) Does it help me “mentally,” or does it tend to focus my mind on things that draw me into sin?
    - (c) Does this activity help me “spiritually?” Does it help me grow spiritually or does it hurt my spiritual growth?
  2. Does It Get Me In Its \_\_\_\_\_?
    - (a) Does this activity “enslave me?” (Rom. 6:16)
    - (b) Anything that gets me in its “grip” - that becomes a habit I cannot break - I should leave it alone!
  3. Will It Cause Others To \_\_\_\_\_? (1 Corinthians 8:12-13)
    - (a) Maybe I can handle it, but will it affect others who see me doing it?
    - (b) Will it cause them problems (both spiritually and physically)?
    - (c) Will my actions lead them into trouble?
    - (d) Remember, no man is an island (Romans 14:8).
      1. What I do is seen & often “copied” by others (1 Thess. 1:5-8).
      2. I may be the only example of a Christian that someone has (1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Pet. 5:3), so I must think of others when I decide on anything to engage in (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:12)
  4. Is It \_\_\_\_\_ To God? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
    - (a) What is the chief purpose of man? (Ps. 86:9; Isa. 43:7; Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rev. 4:11; 15:4; Ephesians 1:11-12).

## II. Applying the 6 - 8 - 10 Principles (2 Corinthians 6:17; Matthew 6:24)

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 3:16-20)
- B) Social \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4:1-5)
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Matthew 6:24)
- D) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 11:25)

**Conclusion:** The question God asks us is, “What’s on the inside of your heart?” (1 Samuel 16:7). Outward performance will “reflect” the inner man (Matt. 15:10-20).

*My Notes:*