

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GRAY AREAS

1. Will this action be helpful to me?

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful.... 1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

2. Will this action Potentially enslave me?

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. 'All things are lawful for me,' but I will not be dominated by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

3. Will this action encourage my brother or sister in Christ?

Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. 1 Corinthians 8:13 (ESV)

4. Will this action help or hinder my gospel witness?

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)

5. Is this action consistent with my new life in Christ?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

6. Will this action violate my conscience?

Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." ²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? 1 Corinthians 10:25-29 (ESV)

7. Will this action follow the pattern of the life of Jesus?

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV)

8. Will action show love to others?

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (ESV)

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)*



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9. Will this action honor my body which belongs to God?

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV)

10. Will this action glorify God?

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)