Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025 52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 25 - THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

From time to time in our individual life journeys, we all come to temptation's corner, the place where we are called to make a decision as to which way we should turn. The Apostle Paul was very clear on this matter, he writes, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for **the glory of God**. But the tempter is always standing there seeking to entice us to make a wrong turn. This week we look at three verses which reveal three very important, even crucial, questions we should ask ourselves as we anticipate which way to turn when we have to make inevitable decisions during our life. The questions are:

CAN I THANK GOD FOR IT?

When we find ourselves at temptation's corner, we should ask ourselves, "If I go this way, say this thing, or do this deed, then when all is said and done, can I thank God for it?" The Bible says, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We are called upon to "give thanks in all circumstances." If there is some attitude or action on our part for which we could not give thanks in the aftermath, then we should avoid it at all costs. Interestingly, we are not called upon to thanks God *for* everything but *in* everything, in all circumstances.

CAN I DO IT IN JESUS' NAME?

In Paul's letter to those at Colosse, he admonished the believers - and us - saying, "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). We are not only to give thanks in all things, but we are to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus as well.

Can you imagine what would happen in our life if we gave serious thought to this issue? It would make a huge difference in what we did. It would make a huge difference in what we watched and in what we read. Can I do it in Jesus' name? If we would ask ourselves that question when we stand at temptation's corner, a world of things we might say and do might be different.

CAN I DO IT FOR GOD'S GLORY?

The Bible says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31). The true believer is motivated by a desire to bring God glory in every facet of life. If we asked ourselves this important question more often, we would not do many of the things we do, or say many of the things we say. None of us is immune to temptation's corner. In fact, all of us arrive there every single day, several times a day, in one way or another. Stop. Don't just rush through the intersection or make a hasty wrong turn.

Ask yourself three important questions: Can I thank God for it? Can I do it in Jesus' name? Can I do it for God's glory?

Keeping these three verses and questions in mind and in my thoughts has saved me from many wrong turns that I have been tempted to make along the way. It's when I have failed to ask the questions, that I fallen into the trap of making the wrong decisions.

As you memorise this verse, meditate on the truth of God's word: "In everything give thanks." "Whatever you do ... Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." "Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God." And don't forget to ask yourself -

Can I thank God for it? Can I do it in Jesus' name? Can I do it for God's glory?