

1 Corinthians 10:21 – 11:6

New American Standard Version

1 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of
 2 demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the
 3 table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?
 4 We are not stronger than He, are we? 23 All things are
 5 lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are
 6 lawful, but not all things edify. 24 Let no one seek his own
 7 *good*, but that of his neighbor. 25 Eat anything that is sold in
 8 the meat market without asking questions for conscience'
 9 sake; 26 FOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT
 10 CONTAINS. 27 If one of the unbelievers invites you and you
 11 want to go, eat anything that is set before you without
 12 asking questions for conscience' sake. 28 But if anyone says
 13 to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat *it*, for
 14 the sake of the one who informed *you*, and for conscience'
 15 sake; 29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other
 16 *man's*; for why is my freedom judged by another's
 17 conscience? 30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I
 18 slandered concerning that for which I give thanks?
 19 31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all
 20 to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense either to Jews or to
 21 Greeks or to the church of God; 33 just as I also please all
 22 men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the *profit*
 23 of the many, so that they may be saved. 11:1 Be imitators of
 24 me, just as I also am of Christ. 2 Now I praise you because
 25 you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the
 26 traditions, just as I delivered them to you. 3 But I want you
 27 to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the
 28 man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.
 29 4 Every man who has *something* on his head while praying
 30 or prophesying disgraces his head. 5 But every woman who
 31 has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying
 32 disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the
 33 woman whose head is shaved. 6 For if a woman does not
 34 cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is
 35 disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head
 36 shaved, let her cover her head. *(to be continued...)*

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

Observation (What does it say?):

What do you notice in this passage?

- Repeated words or ideas?
- Comparisons or contrasts?
- Purpose or explanation?
- Unusual or symbolic language?
- Commands or instructions?
- Conditional (if-then) statements?
- Other observations?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

- What parts seem clear and straightforward?
- What parts seem unclear or confusing?
- What parts challenge your previous thinking?
- What questions come to mind as you read?
- How would you title this passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- What parts of this passage fit your current life situation?
- What parts seem unrelated to your circumstances?
- How might this passage affect your understanding of who God is and what He is doing?
- What part of this passage would be the most challenging for you to apply?
- What would be different (attitudes, behavior) if God used this passage to change you?

Additional questions for thought and discussion:

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**