

In I Corinthians 6:12, Paul challenged the Corinthians that while they had liberty in Christ, they were not to allow anything to control them. In this verse, he again emphasizes the liberty we have in Christ, but this time he emphasizes the area of growth as a Christian.

I. **We are to Recognize the Liberty we have in Christ**

(“All things are lawful” = Gk – to permit)

A. All things are permitted (liberty in Christ)

B. Some things are prohibited by Christ

II. **We are to Realize the Area of Expediency**

(Expediency = Gk. *Sun* – with, *phero* – to bring, lit. to bring together)

A. Is it helpful?

B. Is it beneficial?

III. **We are to be Careful that the Things We Do Edify**

A. Will it hinder growth?

B. Will it engender growth?