

8. **The Whole Body vs One Member** We know of cases where one church member, or a mere handful of members, exert selfish influence and hold the majority hostage to have what they want. Godly elders and faithful teachers would eliminate this problem. A prime example is \_\_\_\_\_ (3 John 9) “*who \_\_\_\_\_ to have the \_\_\_\_\_.*” Adam Clarke: “He had the complete dog in the manger principle: he would neither do, nor let do; and when good was done that he did not approve, he endeavored to undo it.”
9. **God’s Will Must Predominate** (Job 33:12) “*God is \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.*” (Acts 5:29) “*We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.*” We cannot pick and choose which commands we wish to obey and which to reject. The cohesion of the body of Christ is of utmost importance and it is an abomination to (Prov 6:19) sow “\_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_.”
10. **Do We Disappoint One, Or Many?** We recommend that you study TPBS Lesson # 278, Inference, Opinion & Policy. ~Ed~ We can’t change God’s precepts to accommodate anyone. It is different when it comes to matters of policy. That’s where we can compromise and take the “weak” or “spoiled” brother’s conscience into consideration. The First Question: Where is the greater good? We can do it one way and disappoint one person, or do it his way and disappoint a plurality. (Rom 12:18) “*If it be \_\_\_\_\_, as much as lieth in you, live \_\_\_\_\_ with all men.*” You can never please everyone continually. If the motive is right, favor the majority the most.
11. **Another Question** Who is really offended to the point of suffering loss of faith? We’ve known of those who didn’t want a woman member to speak in a Bible class, have an after-worship meal on the church premises, for the services to run one minute past the top of the hour, or turn the thermostat below 85 degrees, ad infinitum. Such things are local policy matters. The Rule: (Rom 14:19) “*Let us therefore \_\_\_\_\_ after the things which make for \_\_\_\_\_, and things wherewith one may \_\_\_\_\_ another.*” Peace and edification shouldn’t be at odds. Should we defer to one who has perceived problems with some proposed action until we can soberly discuss the matter with him? \_\_\_\_\_ Should we let a “kill-joy” rob us of edification? \_\_\_\_\_
12. **My Liberty** We lived in a small region of the country where a certain word is considered to be the vilest of curse words even though we’ve heard that same word all of our lives in dozens of pulpit sermons, on Andy of Mayberry, Leave it to Beaver, etc. We had to learn not to say that word. Why? (1 Cor 10:29) “*Conscience, I say, not \_\_\_\_\_, but of the \_\_\_\_\_: for why is my liberty judged of \_\_\_\_\_ man’s conscience?*” The Guiding Rule: (V32) “*Give none \_\_\_\_\_.*” Why? (V33) “*Even as I please all \_\_\_\_\_ in all \_\_\_\_\_, not seeking mine \_\_\_\_\_ profit, but the profit \_\_\_\_\_.*” Why? “*That they \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.*”
13. **Sacrifice** It’s not easy to give up something you value. Paul said: (Rom 12:1-2) “*Present your bodies a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice.*” Why? “*That ye may \_\_\_\_\_ what is that good, and \_\_\_\_\_, and perfect, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*” It’s better for one to suffer loss than (Rom 14:13) knowingly put “*an \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in his brother’s way.*” His soul, not my gratification, is important. In (Ps 49) it is said that the worldly cannot redeem a brother but (V8) “*the \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.*” Our souls are redeemed (1 Pet 1:19) with “*the \_\_\_\_\_ blood of \_\_\_\_\_.*”

**Read All Choices And Circle The Best Answer**

14. Stumblingblock?    **made of wood**    **prohibited**    **to slow traffic**    **sometimes worthwhile**
15. Dogs?                    **barking**                    **greedy**                    **Maltese**                    **herding**
16. Rebuke the unruly?    **occasionally**            **sharply**                    **bitterly**                    **constantly**
17. Loved preeminence?    **Dionysus**                    **Diotrephes**                **Damien**                    **Doolittle**
18. Sacrifice?                **loving**                    **living**                    **longing**                    **lingering**