

Permission Granted

Stand Alone

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Permission is powerful.

God has given us permission to live the way we want but that doesn't mean we get to do whatever we want.

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden?”’” Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

Any time we're given permission to do something we get to make a choice. That choice could lead us to places we don't want to go.

3 Principles of Permission

1. Permission should be treated with care.

*“Everything is permissible”—but **not everything is beneficial**. “Everything is permissible”—but **not everything is constructive**. 1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV)*

2. Permission requires us to think of others.

“Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.” 1 Corinthians 10:24 (NIV)

3. Permission is always granted, but we must honor the grantor!

*“So whether you eat or drink or **whatever you do**, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)*

I know I can, but should I?