Biblical Principle for the Healthiest Eating and Drinking

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<u>1 Corinthians 10:31</u> ... whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Everything we eat and drink should reflect the supreme excellence of God, in whose image we have been created. This means that **what** we eat and drink, the **amount** we eat and drink, the **way** we eat and drink, and the **reasons** we eat and drink should reflect God's infinite love, wisdom, goodness, kindness, righteousness, holiness, purity, and logic.

The following two lists might make this clearer.

Examples of Healthy Eating and Drinking

For the best life possible, we should do the following:

- Consume natural foods and drinks that have been created by God for our health and his glory.
- Consume the widest possible variety in the best combinations to maximize their nutritional value.
- Consume the amounts we need at the times that are most beneficial.
- Consume food and drink to maximize our energy and motivation for godly activities.
- Consume food and drink in ways that help us and others mature in godly ways.
- Consume food and drink in clean and orderly ways that make the experience beautiful.
- Consume food and drink in ways that express kindness, humility, and generosity.

Examples of Unhealthy Eating and Drinking

For the worst life possible, we should do the following:

- Consume unnatural, processed, nutrition-free food and drink that has been created by people who value profit more than the health of their consumers.
- Consume food and drink that has been polluted with pesticides, preservatives, hormone injections, and artificial additives to make them more profitable to the manufacturer.
- Consume more food and drink than we need or can reasonably afford.
- Consume only a narrow range of food and drink that our sinful human nature seems to prefer (e.g., sweets and carbohydrates).
- Consume certain kinds of food and drink in order to impress others.
- Consume certain kinds of food and drink in order to weaken the sexual morals of a date.
- Consume food and drink to satisfy greedy or gluttonous desires.
- Consume food and drink wastefully without any interest in the poor who do not have enough to eat.
- Consume food and drink to escape from stress and the unpleasant consequences of godless living.
- Give unhealthy food and drink to children because it is cultural (e.g., candy, cookies, donuts, cola, soda pop, sweet breakfast cereals, etc.)