

ROMANS
Our Message to the World
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Pursue Your Brother's Welfare

Romans 14:13-23

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- :13 **I. The instruction: don't trip up your brother.**
¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.
cf. I Corinthians 8:9, 13; 10:27-30
- :14 **II. The conflict: liberty or love.**
¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it is unclean.
cf. Acts 10:15; Romans 14:23
- :15-23 **III. The solution: love.**
¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. ...
cf. I Corinthians 8:1; Ephesians 5:1, 2
- :15b **A. Unrestrained liberty can destroy your brother.**
... By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.
cf. I Corinthians 8:7-13
- :16 **B. Your liberty can become an evil.**
¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.
- :17-23 **C. Some things are more important.**
- :17 **1. The Kingdom**
¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
cf. Matthew 6:33; Romans 1:17; 3:21-26; 5:1; 8:18-25; 15:13
- :18 **2. Pleasing God**
¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.
cf. John 8:29; II Corinthians 8:21; I John 3:22
- :19-21 **3. Edifying your brother**
¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.
cf. I Corinthians 10:23, 24
- :22-23 **4. Your conscience**
²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.
cf. I John 3:21