

**USING YOUR LIBERTY TO PROMOTE PEACE WITHIN THE BODY
(Romans 14:19-23)**

I. Understanding the Passage and Issue

II. Understand Christian liberties Potential Problems & Discord

A. His Command (14:1)... *“Receive one who is weak in the faith...”*

B. His Caution... *“but not to dispute over questionable things they do”*

III. Understanding Some Principles Involved In Guiding us in the use of our liberty In Christ

A. Principle #1 – Concerns The Truth Of Our Personal Response (4:4)

B. Principle # 2 - Concerns The Truth Of The Believer’s Individual Personal Convictions (14:5)

C. Some Questions To Ask yourself In Evaluating The Use Of Your Personal Liberty

D. Principle #3 - Has to Do With The Truth Of The Believer’s Divine Accountability (14:6-12)

IV. Understanding Christin Liberty In Our Practice (14:13-23)

A. Heeding Four Directives:

1. Don’t judge your brother anymore (14:13a)
2. Don’t cause your brother to stumble (14:13b)
3. Don’t destroy your brother with your liberty (14:14-15)
4. Don’t give a handle for others to criticize you (14:16-18)

B. Applying These To Our Practice In Life (14:19-23)

1. Some **positive** application (14:19)

a. Let us _____ the use of our liberty in a way that makes for _____ with others

“Let us pursue” (diokomen)

“peace” (eirene)

b. We should pursue the things which result in the _____ of one another.

“edify” (oikodomay)

- What are these verses saying?

2. Now **Negatively**...

a. In vs 20, Paul commands us not to _____ the _____ in another.

“Do not destroy” (kataluo)

“the work of God”

- How could we do that?
 - b. To every believer under grace, “_____ indeed are _____, “ but it is _____ for you to exercise your liberty in such a way as to be a _____ to a weaker believer”
- To what extent should you take this? (v 21)
 - Don’t do _____ by which your brother _____ or is _____ or made _____!

Consider – 1 Corinthians 8

3. Specifically: (14:22-23)

- a) To the **stronger** believer (v 22)
 - 1) Paul’s command: _____ your right convictions concerning your Christian liberty
 - 2) But Paul’s caution... keep your convictions to _____ before others
 - 3) The result: You will be _____ if you enjoy your liberty with a _____ conscience that does not _____ you for how you used your liberty!
 - b) To the **weaker** believer (v 23)
 - 1) To be _____ & escape _____, do not use your liberty in an area or action in which you have _____!
 - 2) What “saying” does pastor always remind us of in regard to this?
 - 3) Why is this important?
- Some closing thoughts to consider: