

**LIMITING THE USE OF YOUR LIBERTY IN LOVE  
(Romans 14:13-18)**

**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. Directive #1 - Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ Your Brother Anymore (14:13a)**

- This is the \_\_\_\_\_ Paul has said this in 13 verses...do you think Paul is trying to make a point?
  1. This implies that when it comes to Christian liberty it is \_\_\_\_\_ to be passing personal \_\_\_\_\_ on one another!
  2. Is passing judgment on one another still a problem today?
  3. According to John 7:24, we are not to judge by \_\_\_\_\_ appearance, but according to a righteous \_\_\_\_\_ – that being the \_\_\_\_\_!

**B. Directive # 2 – Don’t Cause Your Brother To \_\_\_\_\_ (14:13b)**

“a stumbling block” (proskomma)

“ a cause to fall” {skan'-dal-on}

- What does this mean?

Paul is asking the stronger believer not to \_\_\_\_\_ his liberty in questionable areas as this may \_\_\_\_\_ a weaker believer to follow their poor example or decision and to do something which would cause the younger believer to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and thus \_\_\_\_\_ his own conscience and \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Directive # 3 Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Your Brother With The Use of Your Liberty (14:14-15)**

1. The grace oriented stronger believer \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ that there is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ of itself!

“know” (oida) =

“is persuaded” (pitho) =

- How does a stronger believer know and how is he persuaded of these things?
2. As a stronger believer you need to realize that not every believer has the doctrinal discernment to understand that \_\_\_\_\_ can be eaten today, if it is eaten \_\_\_\_\_ and eaten with \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. To knowingly use your liberty to without regard to the conscience or convictions of another is really \_\_\_\_\_ on the stronger believer’s part. This action is to walk \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s law of \_\_\_\_\_.
- What were these weaker believers offended by?
  - What was the *basis* of this command?
  - What should all this mean to you & me?

#### 4. Directive # 4 - Don’t Give A Handle For Others To \_\_\_\_\_ You (14:16-18)

1. The unloving and selfish misuse of your liberty can give the world cause to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of God’s grace.

“Do not let your good be spoken of as evil” (blasphemeo) =

2. Instead of exhibiting to the world & other believers \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your liberty in Christ, you can display to them \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit!
3. The believer who uses his liberty to serve \_\_\_\_\_ and not himself is \_\_\_\_\_ to God and \_\_\_\_\_ by men.
4. God has given us liberty not to do \_\_\_\_\_ (not a license to sin), but a license to \_\_\_\_\_!