

**USING YOUR LIBERTY FOR THE SAKE OF HARMONY WITHIN THE BODY
(Romans 14:19-15:3)**

- I. Understand This Passage Or Issue**
- II. Understanding Its Potential Problems & Discord**
- III. Understanding Some Principles Concerning The Use of Our Liberty In Christ**
- IV. Understanding Christian Liberty In Our Practice (14:13-23)**

A. By Reevaluating our practice and Heeding Some Directives

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

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

- Let us _____ with others & use our liberty in a way that results in their spiritual _____ !

2. Some **Negative** application (14:20-21)

- a. Don't _____ the _____ God is trying to accomplish in our midst (even if it means _____ our liberty for the sake of another.
- b. To every believer under grace, “_____ things indeed are _____, “ but it is _____ for you to exercise your liberty in such a way as to be a _____ to a weaker believer”

3. **Specifically**, how is this to be accomplished? (14:22-23)

a) To the **stronger** believer (v 22)

- 1) Paul's command: You keep _____ your right convictions concerning your Christian liberty
- 2) But Paul cautions them... To keep your convictions to _____ before God
- 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?

- Why is this important?

- How else could we say this?

C. By Demonstrating the _____ in our life (15:1-3)

a. By means of the _____

- What do I mean by the hard road?

- Let me qualify that last statement about the “hard road”

- The spirit in which we are to accommodate each other in our liberty is not _____ (via some church covenant), not _____ thinking (just do what you want to do), but by _____ (_____)

Legalism... says... “ _____ ”

License... says... “ _____ ”

God loves... says... “ _____ ”

* Someone has wisely summed up the “law of love” this way;

- in essentials – (in doctrine) - _____
- in nonessentials – (in liberty) – _____
- in all things – _____

1) The hard road is...the _____ road (15:1; Romans 6)

a) Where the strong _____ with the scruples of the weak (15:1)

“ought” (opheilo) =

“to bear” (bastazo) =

- What are the strong to carry?

b) Where we ought not to _____ ourselves, if it would _____ another