

INTRODUCTION:

1. WHAT ARE THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRIMARY LESSONS IN CHAPTER 14?

- (1) *14:1-2 teaches that Christ's congregations are usually made up of strong and weak consciences.*
- (2) *14:3-4 teaches that God receives His children whether strong or weak of conscience.*
- (3) *14:5 teaches that all believers should be fully persuaded of why they believe what they believe.*
- (4) *14:5-9 teaches that Jesus alone is the Lord of His people and their consciences.*
- (5) *14:10-13a teaches that all believers will give account of their lives in the Day of Judgment (14:10-13a).*
- (6) *14:13b-15 teaches that we must not let our liberty destroy a weaker believer.*
 - 1. Stop illegitimately judging.**
 - 2. Do not stumble other believers.**
 - 3. There is no food or drink that is unclean of itself.**

4. Love for our brethren must prevail.

2. LET US NOW ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING CONSCIENCE CONTROVERSIES.

(1) *Am I fully persuaded that it is right? (Rom 14:5, 14, 23)*

(2) *Can I do it as unto the Lord? (Rom 14:6-8)*

(3) *Can I do it without being a stumbling block to my brother or sister in Christ? (Rom 14:13, 15, 20-22).*

(4) *Does it bring peace? (Rom 14:17-18)*

(5) *Does it edify my brother? (Rom 14:19)*

(6) *Is it profitable? (1Co 6:12)*

(7) *Does it enslave me? (1Co 6:12)*

(8) *Does it bring glory to God? (1Co 10:31)*

CONCLUSION: