

Liberty to Encourage your Brothers and Sisters
Romans 14:13-23
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The Heir and the Spare.

How we grow from knowing God to blessing others.

For the long trip home God places us in his own healing family.

We are to live together in love.

What is the weaker brother principle?

The Principles of the Passage

1) Nothing is unclean in itself; unless one thinks it is unclean. v 23

2) The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit v 17

Calvin, "They cannot do otherwise than bear testimony to that excellence which they see with their eyes."

3) To Act in doubt, to violate your conscience and not in faith, is sin. v 14 b

The Don'ts of the Passage

Don't judge one another anymore v 13

Don't hurt your brother with your freedom (with food!) v 15a

Don't destroy him for whom Christ died (for food!) v 15b

Don't let a good thing be evil spoken of v 16

What is the "good thing"?

Don't tear down the work of God for the sake of food! V 20

Don't condemn yourself by what you approve v 22

The Do's of the Passage

Place no stumbling block before your brother v13 (Mark 9:42)

Walk in love toward your weaker brother v 15

Pursue the things which make for peace and edification v 19

Release your freedom for the sake of your brother. (v 21)

Have "faith" between yourself and God alone (your convictions)

We all have liberty in Christ to serve one another in love.