



Don't Trip Them Up

Romans 14:10-23 (ESV)

Romans 14:10-23 *Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹²"So then each of us will give an account of himself to God ¹³Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.*

²⁰Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²²The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

BIG IDEAS

1. We are ALL accountable to **JESUS CHRIST** and not to **EACH OTHER**
ROMANS 14:10-12
2. **EVERYTHING** that does not come from **FAITH** is sin.
ROMANS 14:23

How Should We Act?

1. Don't pass judgement upon **ONE ANOTHER**.
ROMANS 14:13
2. Don't do things that cause others to **STUMBLE**.
ROMANS 14:13-15
3. Act in a **LOVING** way that leads to maintaining **PEACE** in the church.
ROMANS 14:19
4. Sin is not a **PRIVATE MATTER**. Everything we do **AFFECTS OTHERS**.
ROMANS 14:20-21
5. Don't bicker over **OPINIONS**
ROMANS 14:22
6. Be **UNCOMPROMISING** with things that are expressly called out in **SCRIPTURE**.
7. When God shows us something is **WRONG** for us, we should **AVOID** it.
ROMANS 14:23

What does scripture say?

What does my conscience say?

Am I building up or tearing down?

How can I love my Brother/Sister?

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.