



Don't Trip Them Up

Romans 14:10-23

1. How do I decide **WHAT** is acceptable for me to participate in?
 - a. Recognize God has **WELCOMED** me into His family (Romans 14:3)
 - b. Recognize God (Jesus) is my **MASTER, LORD, AND JUDGE**. He died for me to save me from sin, and now my life is lived for Him (Romans 14:4, 8, 9)
 - c. I must become fully **CONVINCED** in my own mind (Romans 14:5)
 - From His **WORD**
 - Through the help of His **PEOPLE**
 - By the Spirit
 - d. "Will this decision **HONOR** God?" (Romans 14:6)
 - e. "Will I be **THANKFUL** to God after I make this decision?" (Romans 14:6)
 - f. "Have I become persuaded to the point where I believe Jesus would **AGREE**?" (Romans 14:14)
2. How do I decide **WHEN** to participate in those things I have decided are acceptable?
 - a. If I make this decision, will I **PURPOSELY** be putting a **STUMBLING BLOCK** or hindrance in the way of another believer who is present here with me? (Romans 14:13)
 - b. If I make this decision, will I **UNINTENTIONALLY** be putting a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another believer? "Do I want to be **SEEN** by other believers, at this place doing what I'm doing?" (1 Corinthians 8:9, 10)

- c. "Is my conscience **DOUBTFUL** about participating right now?" (Romans 14:23)
3. What should I **REMEMBER** and always be aware of when participating or not participating?
 - a. The strong are not to judge the weak in faith AND the weak in faith are not to judge the strong. (Romans 14:13)
 - b. Acting on my freedoms may be part of the cause for the **SIN** and **DESTRUCTION** of a believer who is "weak in faith" (Romans 14:15, 20)
 - c. The main things we need to focus on... in and for the kingdom of God... where Jesus is King and we are his servants, are: (Romans 14:17, 18)
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 - d. It is a good thing to **GIVE UP** your freedoms on occasion (Romans 14:21)
 - e. It is a good thing to **SHUT UP** about your freedoms on occasion (Romans 14:22)