



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." ¹²So 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.*

²⁰*Do 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.