

THE PROPER USE OF YOUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES

(Romans 14:1-4)

A. The Christian's Personal Responsibility when it Comes to Individual Liberties (14:1-23)

1. The content of this passage deals with personal Christian _____.
 - a. These areas of the Christian life are neither specifically _____ or _____ in the Word of God.

 - b. These are areas where each believer has the liberty from the Lord to be personally and individually _____ in his/her own _____.

2. These differences between believers exist because of different _____ and because they are at different stages of spiritual _____.

3. Those believers who are strong are to “_____” (*pres./mid./imper.*) those believers who are _____, and who feel obligated to obey legalistic rules. (v. 1)

4. One area of conflict is the mature believer is willing to eat all things, while the weaker believer has _____ most likely carried over from Judaism or paganism. (v. 2)

5. Christians need to refrain from _____ and _____ those whose personal convictions differ in areas of liberty. (v. 3a)

6. Since the Lord as _____ all genuine believers on the basis of _____, so should you. (v. 3b)

* What are some examples of liberties or “gray” areas?

-special diets and exercise

-holidays and Sundays

-smoking and drinking alcohol

-movies and television

-clothing, dress, and wearing make up

-schooling (home school, private school, public school)

--hairstyles

7. The Lord is fully capable in making another Christian _____ in the area of liberties, so let us not usurp the role of the _____ with unnecessary pressure. (v. 4)

* What have you learned that can be personally applied in your life today?