

THE PROPER USE OF YOUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES Pt. 4

(Romans 14:18-15:3)

A. The Christian's Personal Responsibility when it Comes to Individual Liberties (14:1-12)

B. Some Specific Applications Regarding Christian Liberties (14:13-18)

C. Using Your Liberties for Peace and Unity (14:19-15:3)

1. As Christians, our conduct ought to be characterized by pursuing _____ with one another, removing judgmental attitudes, and building one another up by way of _____. (v. 19, cf. 1 Thess. 5:11)

2. Arguing about nonessentials that are _____ clearly mandated in Scripture will only “*destroy*” the _____ in the fellowship, and the “*work of God*,” which is Christians being _____ in the faith. (v. 20)

3. Paul urges the stronger believer to relinquish certain liberties when it comes to food and drink because it might influence the weaker believer to _____ his/her _____. (v. 21, cf. 1 Cor. 8:9, 12-13)

* Does this mean that we must direct our entire service as a “seeker sensitive service” to meet the needs of the immature believer?

4. The mature believer can be “happy” in his _____ enjoyment of amoral practices, because he knows that he is neither violating the _____ of God nor the _____ of a weaker believer in the Lord. (v. 22)

5. “*Doubting*” refers to not being fully _____ in your own mind that this food is acceptable and permissible; consequently, by eating it you are going _____ your own conscience, and this is _____. (v. 23)

6. The stronger believer “*ought*” (*opheilo*) to not be so _____ - _____, but rather he should take the initiative in _____ the weaker Christian, not merely enduring him. (v. 1)

7. Pleasing your fellow Christian is to be done with the proper attitude of _____, with a specific _____ in mind, that being the _____ of others. (v. 2)

* Is Paul simply asking us to be people pleasers, and do whatever somebody else wants?
(1 Cor. 10:32-11:1; Gal. 1:10; Col. 3:22-23; 1 Thess. 2:4)

8. By way of illustration, Paul holds up the supreme example of _____ - _____ in considering the needs and welfare of _____ over one’s own. (v. 3, cf. Psalm 69; Philip. 2:5-8; 1 Pet. 2:21-25)

* How can you apply this truth in your own life today?