



“Pursuing Peace”

Romans 14:14 - 23

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1. Faith acts decisively upon convictions _____ determined. v14

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. [Rom 14:14 NASB95]

1. Be _____ of your liberty in the Lord Jesus. v14

✳ Faith is opposite _____.

✳ Faith presently acts off of a past _____.

✳ Faith is determined under _____ to the Lord’s word.

2. Things are not _____ sinful. v14

✳ Sin is man’s independent _____ of God’s gifts.

✳ Wealth is not _____ but love of money is unclean.

✳ Guns do not _____ but sinful people do.

2. Love trumps _____. v15

1. Do not grieve a struggling _____.

2. Do not _____ a brother’s conscience.

3. Your brother is _____ because Christ died for him.

3. Disunity in non-essentials tarnishes gospel _____. v16

16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; [Rom 14:16]

1. Don’t allow the gospel testimony to be _____. v14

✳ Is this addressed to the strong the weak or _____?

✳ Loveless lack of consideration is bad _____.

2. Display the glory of God’s _____. v17

✳ It is not about _____ observances.

✳ **It is the preview of God's _____ in His people** Gal 5:22-23

22 But *the fruit of the Spirit* is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [Gal 5:22-23]

- ▶ _____.
- ▶ _____.
- ▶ _____.

3. Serve God and walk... v18

18 For he who in this [way] serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. [Rom 14:18]

✳ **...according to the allotted _____ of your faith.** v14; 12:3

- ▶ 14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. [Rom 14:14]
- ▶ 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, *as God has allotted to each a measure of faith*. [Rom 12:3 NASB95]

✳ **...according to _____.** Eph 5:2

2 and *walk in love*, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. [Eph 5:2]

✳ **...by the _____.** v15; Gal5:16

- ▶ 15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. [Rom 14:15]
- ▶ 16 But I say, *walk by the Spirit*, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. [Gal 5:16]

✳ **...so as to _____ God.** v18

✳ **...so as to be _____ by men.** v18

4. Pursue peace in your _____ relationships. v19

19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. [Rom 14:19]

1. Pursue the things which make for _____.

2. Build up your _____ brother.

3. Liberty that causes offense to God's work in a brother is _____. v20

20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense. [Rom 14:20]

4. Don't allow your differences to make a weaker brother _____. v21

21 It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or [to do anything] by which your brother stumbles. [Rom 14:21]

5. Have faith in your own _____ before God. v22

22 The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. [Rom 14:22]

6. Do not _____ yourself in what you approve. v22

7. Do not _____ or act in _____ in regard to your convictions v23

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because [his eating is] not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin. [Rom 14:23 NASB95]