

Loving Your Brother is
Giving Up Your Liberty

Romans 14:13-23

I. Love and Do Not Destroy Your Brother

A. Do not pass judgment on a brother

B. Do not put a stumbling block in the way of a brother

C. Do not provoke grief in the heart of a brother

II. Let Not Your Freedoms Lead to Evil

- A. Taking a freedom too far could be spoken of as *evil*
- B. Fighting for righteousness, peace, and joy are *more* important than liberties
- C. Serving Christ and pursuing peace is building *up* your brother

III. Let Go of Your Liberties If They are Causing Your Brother to Stumble

A. Don't *destroy* God's work in the weaker brother

B. Don't *insist* on doing anything that causes your brother to stumble

IV. Live Out Your Faith Between You and God

A. The *stronger* brother should live a life above reproach

B. The *weaker* brother should never eat if it is not from faith

TAKE HOME:

- How can you know whether or not you are putting a stumbling block in front of another?
- Have you ever practiced a liberty that after further evaluation, you saw how it could be spoken of as evil?
- Would you be willing to never practice a liberty again in the presence of a brother if you knew it hurt his conscience?