

SHOULD I, OR SHOULDN'T I?
Masterclass for Life #9
August 9, 2026
Romans 14

**BIG IDEA: EXERCISE YOUR _____ IN CHRIST WITH
_____ FOR OTHERS.**

CAUTIONS FOR EXERCISING YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

- 1. Don't argue over _____ beliefs and behaviors.
(v. 1-2)**
 - **Guidelines for discussing beliefs in the church:**
 - ◆ In essentials _____.
 - ◆ In nonessentials _____.
 - ◆ In all things _____.
- 2. Don't disrespect or judge believers by how they exercise their
_____ in Christ. (v. 3-4)**

**HOW TO DETERMINE IF A BEHAVIOR IS SUITABLE
FOR A CHRIST FOLLOWER**

- 1. The test of _____. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**
- 2. The test of _____. (v. 5-8)**
- 3. The test of _____. (v. 8-12)**
- 4. The test of _____. (v. 13-18)**
- 5. The test of _____. (v. 19-21)**
- 6. The test of _____. (v. 22-23)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: In the message this week Pastor Matt gave six tests for evaluating whether an activity is suitable for a Christ follower. Why is the test of Scripture first? (2 Timothy 3:16-17) How do you conduct this test? Scripture is the final authority and definitive source for determining if something is within your freedom as a Christ follower.

Tuesday: Is it permissible for believers to work on Sunday? How about making others work on Sunday by shopping, vacationing or eating? What does the test of Scripture reveal in Isaiah 58:13-14; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Hebrews 10:24-25. How might the test of conscience in Romans 14:5-8 affect how you observe Sabbath? Is Sabbath mostly about a day or the week or something else?

Wednesday: Have you ever observed church people disagreeing about whether a particular behavior was appropriate for believers? What was the behavior? If a behavior is not clearly forbidden in Scripture, how might the test of accountability in Romans 14:8-12 help you decide whether to confront someone about it? To whom are we and others ultimately accountable?

Thursday: Let's assume you believe it is permissible for Christians to drink alcoholic beverages and you partake yourself from time to time. You are planning a neighborhood Christmas party at your house, and you are trying to decide whether to have a spiked punch bowl. How might the tests of sensitivity and profitability from Romans 14:13-21 help you decide?

Friday: Suppose an unbelieving gay friend with whom you have had gospel conversations has invited you to attend their gay wedding and reception. Scripture is clear that homosexuality and gay marriage are sinful, but it doesn't specifically say not to attend a gay wedding. How could the tests of conscience, accountability, sensitivity, profitability and faith in Romans 14:5-23 help you decide? Could there be more than one right answer? How could you use your decision as a witness?