



I. Never place an **obstacle** before fellow believer – vv. 13-18

- A. Do not judge – v. 13
- B. Do not become a **stumbling** block – v.13
- C. While there is nothing unclean before God, it is unclean to the one who **considers** it unclean. – v.14

Acts 10.

1 Tim 4:4

Matt 15:10–11, 16–20

D. When our freedom **wounds** another, it ceases to be good – vv. 15-16.

1 Cor. 8:11–12

II. Focus on what **matters** most in the kingdom of God – vv. 17-21.

- A. Food & drink are **secondary** priorities within the kingdom of God – v.17
- B. The **primary** priorities of the kingdom of God are righteousness, peace, and joy – v.17

Rom. 5:1–2

- C. Those who prioritize what is first in the kingdom of God **please** God and gain the approval of others – v.18
- D. When it comes to other believers, pursue **peace** & **edification** – v. 19.

2 Peter 3:18

- E. Don't let your **liberty** destroy your fellow believer – v. 20.
- F. Let your love **limit** your liberty – v. 21.

Phil. 2:6-11.

III. My faith is my **business** – vv. 22-23

- A. My faith is between me and God – v. 22.
- B. If my actions are not based on my faith, I **sin** – v. 23.

The Main Idea: Our **freedoms** were never meant to **destroy** other believers but should serve to **build** them up in love.