

Romans 14

LW – Following Law/Man/God; When Conflict/Follow/Higher Law

TW – Law of Liberty vs. Law of Love!

The Law of Liberty (First ½ of Chapter/Discussion/Living Sacrifice)

V1

- * Welcome, Be Friends w/, Even Fellowship w/ – One Weaker/Faith
 - * But not to argue, be divisive...Non-Essentials/Convictions
 - * Playing Cards, Methods of Baptisms, Using Instruments, How/Dress
- 2 Tim 2: 23**²³ But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

Titus 3:9-10⁹ But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰ Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

V2-4

- * OK to have Convictions, Not/Judge/Lesser/More Convictions
- * 1st Point of Contention = Eating Meat
- * **1 Corin 8:1-8** – Details of eating meat offered to Idols
- * **1 Corin 10:25-27** – Practical Example

V5-6

- * 2nd Point of Contention – Observance of “the Day” (Sabbath)
- Colossians 2:16**¹⁶ So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,
- * **Mark 2:23-28** – Jesus/Disciples/Pluck/Grain
 - * It is good to follow the Law for the glory of God, but not to obtain our righteousness. **Rom 10:4** – For Christ was the end of the law...

V7-13

1. Therefore do not judge (Kriano – separate by passing judgment)
Matthew 7:1-2¹ “Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.
2. Live our lives unto Christ - **Matthew 25:31-46**
3. Not put a stumbling block or cause to fall in our brother’s way...

The Law of Love (Other ½ Chapter/Discussion/Living Sacrifice)

V14-19

- * Don’t grieve our brother; Pursue things make for peace; Edify
- * **1 Corin 8:9-11** – But, beware lest you become stumbling block
- * **1 Corin 10:28** – But if you know...Don’t Eat!

Problem

V20-23

- * My Liberty has turned into evil; Good to not Eat/Drink/Anything...
- * **1 Corin 8:11-13** – If I continue, My Liberty turned into Sin against
- * **1 Corin 10:31-33** – Deny myself, so others may be saved

Application

- * Talking about Non-Essential Debatable Things/Lawful things Here
- 1 Corinthians 6:12**¹² All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.
- 1 Corinthians 10:23**²³ All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

Examples

- * People Judge us for Worshipping Lord/Sunday instead of Saturday
- * Church Leader – Hiding Bottle of Beer
- * Jill & I at Casablanca – Beatles Band – Drinking Diet Coke
- * Ministry Questionnaire – Do you Drink/Smoke? About Stumbling!

* When two Laws Conflict – which do we follow? The Higher!!!

Romans 12:1-2

* “The Key is to walk in love, if we walk in love we will never go wrong.” Pastor Chuck

Romans 3:23-24²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

* Forgiven, Justified, Sanctified, Reconciled, Atoned, Saved from Wrath