

“We Are His Workmanship”

Text: Romans 14:19-23

Scripture reading Ephesians 2:8-22

Reading: I Corinthians 10:23-33

I. Edification builders – vs. 19 (II Tim. 2:14-15; Titus 3:10-11)

II. Edification wreckers – vv. 20-21

III. Edification convictions – vv. 22-23 (I Cor. 10:23-24; 6:12b)

Conclusion: Lawful convictions before God...

1. Is it _____?
2. Is it _____ to me or others?
3. Is it _____?
4. How does this _____ my neighbor?
5. Am I _____ by this thing?
6. Do I practice this thing as my _____?

*“Conviction follows illumination... There can be no conviction without light.
The Spirit is a practical Teacher.”*

Giles Firmin; English minister; 1614-1697

SERMON QUOTES:

II. Edification wreckers – vv. 20-21

John Murray,

“Verse 22a is another exhortation to the strong and means that they are not to parade and protest their rights and liberties to the detriment of the weak and with the evil consequences delineated in the preceding verses. The words ‘have to thyself before God’ is another way of vindicating the strong in possession and conviction of their liberty... They have this conviction in the presence of God and may not surrender it. But they are not to brandish it to the destruction of others.”

III. Edification convictions – vv. 22-23

Pastor John MacArthur,

“When by sincere faith and a correct understanding of Scripture we have a conviction before God that a custom, a practice, or an activity is worthwhile and good, we dare not denounce it as sinful. Nor should we allow our conscience to condemn us for exercising it...”