

Revealing Romans Pt. 14 (Do so unto the Lord!)

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- **Diversity** & **disunity** have always been...
- What's the **main** uniting thing? The **Gospel**.
- Strive to keep the **main** thing, the **main** thing!
- What are these **disputable** matters?
- Should we have a **higher** standard than God?
- Never take the **place** of God!

2. A tripping hazard (vs. 12-13)

- **'Bema'**; Greek for **judgment** seat.
- Breaking the rules & would be **disqualified**.
- At the end of the games, **rewards** were awarded.
- *Are you loving your brother/sister with this action?*
- In a way that ***impedes*** the ***maturity*** of another.

3. Unity not uniformity (vs. 19-23)

- Pharisees who **burdened** people with heavy loads.
- **Trivial** matters don't matter!
- Don't **force** your opinions; the Word is your **guide**.
- Keeping **disputed** convictions **private**.
- Careful; conscience could be **leading** you **astray**.
- **Build** one another up, not **tear** others down.

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