

Balancing Love and Freedom

Romans 14:13-23 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction: *Biblical Kindness - Where the hospitality and humility of heaven define our lives on earth so that God's character is revealed in all we say and do.*

1 Peter 2:16 *Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*

- **Freedom in Christ:** *The freedom to _____ one's rights or desires for the _____ of another.*

Principles of Love and Freedom to Live By

1. Don't let your Freedom in Christ cause another Believer to

_____. (v.13; Matt. 7:1-5; 1 Cor. 8:9)

2. Don't let your Freedom in Christ cause another Believer to

_____. (vv.14-15a; Titus 1:15; 1 Cor. 8:4,7; Luke 17:1)

- **Question:** *Does the person who is objecting - a fellow follower of Jesus - too, have the goal of being like Him? Or is he or she a person who spends a lot of time on the sideline being critical of other followers?*

3. Don't let your Freedom in Christ cause another Believer to

_____. (v.15b; 1 Cor.8:8-12)

4. Don't let your Freedom in Christ cause your Witness to be

_____. (v.16)

5. Don't let your Freedom in Christ cause your Focus to be

_____. (vv.17-19)

6. Don't let your Freedom in Christ cause God's Work to be

_____. (vv.20-21)

7. Don't use your Freedom in Christ to cause your Faith to be

_____. (vv.22-23; Gal.5:13)

Verse for October 2026 - James 3:17 *The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*