ROMANS 35

GIVING GRACE PART 2

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ROMANS 14:13-23

I. LIMIT YOUR _____

ENJOY YOUR LIBERTY, BUT BE WILLING TO LIMIT IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF

Romans 14:13 So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.

1 Corinthians 6:12 ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL for me, BUT NOT ALL THINGS ARE PROFITABLE. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

JUST BECAUSE I _____ DO IT DOES'T MEAN I _____ DO IT.

1 Corinthians 10:23 all things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, BUT NOT ALL THINGS ______.

I MUST USE MY FREEDOM RESPONSIBLY SO THAT MY ACTIONS DON'T ______ ______ WHAT GOD WANTS TO ______.

SOMETIMES OUR FREEDOMS HAVE _____

Romans 14:14 I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong.

THREE KINDS OF SIN

SINS OF _____. God says not to do it, but you do it. That's sin. SINS OF _____

God says, "Do this" but you don't do it. That's sin.

James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

SINS OF ______.

Sin is in the intention of the heart.

- Romans 14:23 But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.
- Romans 14:15 And if another believer is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in love if you eat it. Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.
- Romans 14:16 Then you will not be criticized for doing something you believe is good.

Romans 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

This is almost a direct quote of Jesus.

Matthew 15:11 "It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

II. THE ______ OF LIMITING YOUR LIBERTY

Romans 14:18 If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too.

GOD IS _____

Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—alive, holy, and PLEASING TO GOD (Romans 12:1 NET).

YOU ARE _____

"and others will approve of you, too."

YOU MIGHT RECEIVE HONOR THROUGH PERFORMANCE. BUT RESPECT IS A CHARACTER THING.

WE ENJOY _____

Romans 14:19 So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

NASV "we pursue the things which make for peace"

TODAY PEOPLE WANT THEIR ______ MORE THAN THEY WANT

Romans 14:20 Don't tear apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, all foods are acceptable, but it is wrong to eat something if it makes another person stumble.

Romans 14:21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else if it might cause another believer to stumble.

Romans 14:22 You may believe there's nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right.

Romans 14:23 But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

THE ______ OF MY BROTHER IS MORE ______. IMPORTANT THAN MY PERSONAL ______.