

EXERCISING MATURE CHRISTIAN LIBERTY

Romans 14:13-23

I. Presuppositions

Philippians 1:6

Ephesians 4:16

1 Corinthians 14:20

1 Peter 2:2

Hebrews 5:12

II. Therefore....

Romans 14:4, 7-12

III. Do Not Judge, Rather Use Good Judgment – vs. 13

Krínō – 1) to judge a person to be guilty and liable to punishment; 2) to come to a conclusion in the process of thinking and thus to be in a position to make a decision, decide

Próskomma – a stumbling block; that over which a soul stumbles (by which is caused to sin)

Skándalon – 1) the movable stick or trigger of a trap, a trap stick; 2) any person or thing by which one is (entrapped) drawn into error or sin

Mark 9:42

IV. Nothing is Unclean, Unless it is Unclean – vs. 14

Acts 10:10-15

Mark 7:14-15

1 Corinthians 8:4-6, 8

V. Do Not Destroy with Your Freedom; Consider Your Brother's Edification – vs. 15-21

Lypéō - to cause someone to be sad, sorrowful, or distressed

Apóllymi - to destroy or to cause the destruction of persons, objects, or Institutions; to devote or give over to eternal misery in hell

Katalýō - to destroy, to demolish (what has been joined together); to dissolve, to disunite

1 Corinthians 8:4-13

VI. Keep Your Freedom Between You and God – vs. 22

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Philippians 2:1-4

VII. Abstain if You are Convicted – vs. 23

Pístis - conviction of the truth of anything, belief

Romans 13:5

2 Timothy 1:3

Titus 1:15

VIII. Other Verses about Christian Liberty

Romans 7:6

Romans 8:21

James 1:25

1 Peter 2:16

Galatians 5:1, 13

1 Timothy 4:4-5, 1-3

Closing Thought: As we grow in maturity, as we become stronger Christ followers, we will exercise our freedom by abstaining from living in ways that would cause our brother to be distressed or to sin. Christian liberty is not the freedom to live for ourselves, rather it is the freedom to live for others.