



Romans 14 | Dr. Stan Fowler

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Sermon Outline

We all know that Christians sometimes disagree about right and wrong, but how do we deal with that?

1. When I think about others, I must think "liberty" (v. 1-13a).
 - Don't condemn those who have a stronger sense of liberty (v. 3, 10).
 - Don't despise those who have a weak sense of liberty (v. 3, 10).
 - Variation on some things is OK—unity is not always uniformity.
2. When I think about myself, I must think "willingness to restrict liberty" (v. 13b-23).
 - Don't use liberty in a way that will lead others to violate their conscience and sin (v. 13, 15, 21).
 - Don't use liberty in a way that will destroy the peace of the church over things that don't matter (v. 16-20).

Study Questions

1. What are some current points of tension and disagreement among Christians?
2. Have you ever been judged for what someone else thought was an excessive use of liberty? How did it feel?
3. Have you ever been despised because you were thought to be excessively narrow? How did it feel?
4. Do you find it hard to accept diversity on some points of tension? Why?
5. How can we discern the difference between a weaker brother or sister and a legalist?
6. Do you need to change your thinking or your practice on any points of disagreement? How so?