Romans 14:13-21New King James Version (NKJV)

**13**Therefore let us not judge one another [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+14%3A13-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28294a)]anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.

**14**I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. **15**Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. **16**Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; **17**for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **18**For he who serves Christ in [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+14%3A13-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28299b)]these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

**19**Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+14%3A13-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28300c)]edify another. **20**Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+14%3A13-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28301d)]offense. **21**It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+14%3A13-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28302e)]or is offended or is made weak.

**9**But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. **10**For if others see you—with your “superior knowledge”—eating in the temple of an idol, won’t they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? – 1 Corinthians 8:9-10

**4**Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. – 1 Corinthians 8:4

**5b**Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. – Romans 14:5

**6b**he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. – James 1:6

**14a**that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. – Ephesians 4:14

**Sermon Notes**

How can the Church get along with each other when it is made up of the strong and weak, who have significant differences with how they assess things and decide to act on those things?

1.) The stronger brother, in his liberty, should not create a stumbling block by

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2.) The weaker brother, in his weakness, should not create stumbling blocks by

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3.) The stronger brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to deny himself

his liberty for the sake of the Gospel.