



Series: The Power of Oneness

Title: Loving Liberty

Lesson: 2

Text: Rom. 14; 1 Cor. 8–10

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7 Principles from Romans 14 on Christian Liberty

1. Assume the best about brothers/sisters with different consciences because we're ultimately still

_____. (vv1–4)

- Our unity is threatened when we form _____ opinions about those who don't share our convictions.

- It's not our place to _____ each other.

2. BOTH restrictive and free consciences can be used to glorify God in _____ . (vv5–9)

- When it's not a matter of sin, *what* we do is less important than _____ we do it.
- ALL of life is meant to _____ God.

3. We will ALL give an _____ to God. (vv10–12)

- We're all _____, no matter our maturity.
- God will hold us accountable for how faithfully we did or didn't build the _____ of the Church.

4. _____ is more important than liberty. (vv13–18)

- We are called to protect the faith of those who still need to _____. (cf. 1 Cor. 8)

- We should be willing to _____ liberty for the sake of others. (cf. 1 Cor. 9:19–23)
- We need to see liberty from _____ point of view. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:23–24)
 - The question is not whether you *can*, but whether you *should*.
 - The goal is God’s glory, not self-indulgence. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:31–33)

5. Harming the conscience of a brother/sister is _____. (vv19–21)

- Good things for us become _____ when we use them to harm another’s faith.
- Loving brothers/sisters means not putting them in positions to see us practice liberty in areas where their consciences are still _____.

6. If our conscience says it's sin, it's sin for _____.
(vv22–33)

- We _____ have different areas where our consciences are freer/more restrained than others.
- If we go against our consciences, we are shutting _____ out of the process.

7. We can still _____ our liberty!

- Understanding liberty is a sign of _____ faith.
- We can enjoy our liberty in Christ to the extent our consciences will allow so that we can _____ God in those things!
- The key is _____. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:25–30)

What do we do with this text?

Enjoy personal liberty in Christ, but love other people even more!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever been taught about Christian liberty before? What was your response the first time you learned about it?
2. Which of these seven principles is most difficult to remember/practice? How can you grow in this area?
3. How can you help yourself (and others) glorify God by enjoying personal liberty in Christ without forgetting about caring for others?
4. How can you help yourself (and others) glorify God by caring for others' consciences without throwing out liberty in Christ?
5. How would you disciple someone with an overly restrictive conscience? How about someone who exercises his/her liberty without regard for others?



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