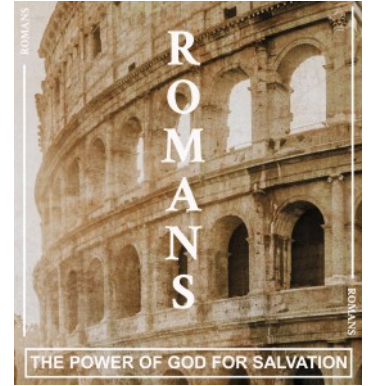


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Romans 14:13-23



## The Danger of Being Right

*"Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother."* — Romans 14:13

### Key Question:

How can Christians become a source of temptation *to sin* with *the truth*?

#### 1. Being Judgy with the Truth

*"Let us not pass judgment on one another..."* (v.13)

#### 2. Being Grumpy with the Truth

*"Decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way..."* (v.13)

#### 3. Being Pushy with the Truth

*"I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself..."* (v.14)

#### 4. Being Showy with the Truth

*"Your brother is grieved by what you eat... the faith that you have, keep between yourself and God."* (vv.15, 22)

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### The Danger of Being Right

#### Romans 14:13-23

#### Getting Started

Read **Romans 14:13** ~ The word “*hinderance*” comes from the Greek *skandalon*, referring to the **trigger of a trap**—the sensitive piece that releases destructive force. Name as many kinds of traps as you can.

#### Digging Deeper

##### 1. Tempted by What Is Right

~Read Matthew 18:7 and Romans 14:13-15.

- How does this passage expand your understanding of what “temptation” can look like?
- Why is it surprising that truth, freedom, or correct beliefs could become a source of temptation?
- According to verse 15, what is at stake when a brother or sister is “grieved”?

##### 2. Strong Faith, Weak Faith

~Read Romans 14:1-2;16-18

- How does Paul define “strong” and “weak” faith in this chapter?
- Why does Paul say the issue is not ultimately about food or days?
- How can a “weak” conscience reflect insecurity about Jesus’ sufficiency?

#### Reflection:

Why might correcting behavior without strengthening faith simply redirect the problem rather than solve it?

### 3. Tempting with Truth

~Read Romans 14:19-23. ~ Paul warns that believers can become dangerous to one another by how they hold what is right. Discuss how each of these can become a *skandalon*:

- **Being Judgy** – withholding welcome or belonging over disputable matters
- **Being Grumpy** – reacting defensively or irritably when challenged
- **Being Pushy** – pressuring others to adopt convictions before conscience is ready
- **Being Showy** – publicly exercising freedoms without regard for others' struggles

Which of these feels most challenging for you personally?

### 4. When Freedom Becomes Harmful

~Read Romans 14:22-23.

- What does Paul mean when he says, “*Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin*”?
- Why is it spiritually dangerous to encourage someone to act against their conscience—even if the action itself is not sinful?
- How does this help explain Jesus' instruction to the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18–23)?

### Making It Real

Are there areas where you may have the *right position* but are holding it in a way that could harm others?

How can you tell the difference between helping someone grow in freedom and pushing them into a trap?

### Closing Thought

The kingdom of God is not about winning arguments or exercising rights, but about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

### Resources:

**Romans: Righteousness from Heaven** | R. Kent Hughes

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