

Gospel-Centered Harmony, Part 2 (Romans 14:13-23)
The Gospel of God, Part 51
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– **Live in harmony by considering _____.**
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, ESV)

Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. (Romans 14:20, ESV)

Five Reasons to Limit Your Freedom and Promote Harmony

1. Not all issues are _____.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. (Romans 14:14, ESV)

Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. (Romans 14:20, ESV)

2. My brother or sister's soul _____.

For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. (Romans 14:15, ESV)

It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. (Romans 14:21, ESV)

3. The witness of the gospel _____.

So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. (Romans 14:16-18, ESV)

4. Gospel unity is _____.

So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. (Romans 14:19, ESV)

5. Listen to your conscience and _____.

The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. (Romans 14:22-23, ESV)