

Building Up Each Other!

Romans 14:13-15:13

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Four Ways A Christian Can Be Weak

1. I can be weak in Faith!
“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.” -Romans 14:1
2. I can be weak in Knowledge!
“But not everyone knows this...” - I Cor. 8:7a
3. I can be weak in Conscience!
“But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled.”
- I Cor. 8:7
4. I can be weak in Will Power!
“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?”
- I Cor. 8:10

What I Do Affects Others...

1. **My actions can cause someone to Stumble!**
“Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way.”
- Romans 14:13
2. **My Actions can cause someone to be Distressed!**
“If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died.”
- Romans 14:15
3. **My Actions can cause someone to be Destroyed!**
“If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died.”
- Romans 14:15

We Build Each Other Up By...

1. **Making the commitment to build each other up!** Romans 14:19
“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.”
- Romans 14:19 NLT
2. **Accepting the Value of every person!** Romans 14:15b
“Don’t let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died.”
- Romans 14:15b NLT
3. **Focusing on what is really Important!** Romans 14:16-18
“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
- Romans 14:17 NLT
4. **Refusing to do what would cause someone to stumble!**
Romans 14:20-21
“Don’t tear apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, all foods are acceptable, but it is wrong to eat something if it makes another person stumble.”
- Romans 14:20 NLT
5. **Not forcing my Opinion on others!** Romans 14:22
“You may believe there’s nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who don’t feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right.”
- Romans 14:22 NLT
6. **Living by Faith!** Romans 14:23
“But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.”
- Romans 14:23 NIV

Why Are We To Build Others Up?

1. It is our Responsibility! Romans 15:1
2. To Follow the Example of Jesus Romans 15:3
3. To Obey the Commands of scripture! Romans 15:4
4. To glorify God! Romans 15:6