

## Preserving the Unity of the Spirit, Part 2

Rom. 14:13-23

### 1. Commands for the \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 13-22)

- **Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 13-14)
- A weaker brother, or sister, is typically someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith than we are, though not always. But they have a genuine problem with our Christian liberty because of their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not everyone with a problem with our Christian liberty is a weaker brother. Some are just confirmed \_\_\_\_\_ who need to let go of their legalistic ways.
- This is the kind of legalism that Paul says needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ and confronted. (Gal. 5:1)
- Metaphorically then, a stumbling block is something we do, as a stronger brother, that represents a \_\_\_\_\_ to the spiritual life of a weaker brother.
- **Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your brother.** (v. 15)
- We can contribute to losing someone from \_\_\_\_\_ with believers by our behavior.
- **Don't lose your \_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 16-19)

- But it is possible to so abuse our liberty in regard to fellow believers that we create \_\_\_\_\_ within the church that give the world cause to criticize and condemn us, and our Savior.
  - Before the church and before the world, it is much \_\_\_\_\_ important to demonstrate our love than insist on our freedom.
  - **Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the work of God.** (vv. 20-21)
  - Anything we do in our liberty that harms a brother spiritually is tearing down the work that \_\_\_\_\_ is doing in him or her. (Matt. 18:6)
  - **Don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in what you approve.** (v. 22)
  - Our liberty must not be a covering for \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet. 2:16)
  - Our liberty must be \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (1 Cor. 6:12a)
  - Our liberty must not \_\_\_\_\_ us. (1 Cor. 6:12b)
  - Our liberty must \_\_\_\_\_ us. (1 Cor. 10:23b)
  - And this is our \_\_\_\_\_, not a burden or onerous duty.
- ### 2. Weaker brothers: Don't violate your \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 23)
- Paul says whatever is not from faith is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We should \_\_\_\_\_ willingly violate our conscience.