

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** March 12, 2017

**Series:** New Attitudes

**Title:** A New Attitude Toward Personal Freedoms (Part 2)

**Text:** Romans 14:13-23

**Big Idea:** Be careful never to allow the exercise of your personal freedoms in Christ to cause another Christian to stumble.

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1. Don't compromise their spiritual walk. (13)
2. Don't grieve their heart. (14-15a)
3. Don't destroy their spiritual growth. (15b)
4. Don't hinder your witness. (16-19)
5. Don't destroy the work of God. (20-21)
6. Don't violate your conscience. (22-23)

# STUDY GUIDE

For the Week of March 12, 2017  
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Romans 14:13-23. If the grace of Christ makes everything clean to us (v. 14), what's the motivation to abstain from or sacrifice these freedoms (vs. 15-17)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some modern-day equivalents of the things referred to as "eating and drinking" (v. 17)?

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Why is it wrong to act against your conscience (vs. 14, 23)? What is the danger of following your conscience if it's not biblically informed and redeemed? \_\_\_\_\_

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## ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What Christian freedoms do you believe you have in Christ that might violate another believer's conscience? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever caused another Christian to stumble over these things, or have you ever sacrificed them for their good? \_\_\_\_\_

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What sinful attitudes might be in the heart of someone who would sacrifice a fellow believer's conscience for the sake of preference or the pleasure of personal freedoms? \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLY THE TRUTH

Can you identify some preferential matters in our church? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you consider yourself a "stronger" believer over one of those matters, what is your priority: enjoying your freedom, or giving it up to serve a fellow believer? How will you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Are there ways you can pursue peace within our church community more actively? Identify them and commit to living it out. \_\_\_\_\_

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