

# Romans 14: The Law of Love



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## ▶ The Law of Liberty:

- ▶ Chapter deals with matters of personal conviction and practice which on their own are not sinful.
- ▶ Paul gives two examples:
  - ▶ The food we eat (**Rom. 14:2, 14**).
  - ▶ The days we observe (**Rom. 14:6**)

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## ▶ The Law of Liberty:

- ▶ When it comes to liberty, we must remember two things:
  - ▶ We all belong to God (**Rom. 14:7-8, 11**).
  - ▶ We are to respect our brother's convictions (**Rom. 14:12-13**) because we are in fellowship with God (**Rom. 14:3-4**).

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## ▶ Walk In Love:

- ▶ Here is the teaching on food (**Rom. 14:14**).
  - ▶ Free to eat all things.
  - ▶ Free to eat *less* than all things.
- ▶ When liberty can turn to sin (**Rom. 14:15**)
  - ▶ Love does not seek its own but rather the good of others (**1 Cor. 8:11-13**).
  - ▶ If insist on my liberty to the hurt of others I have crossed a line.

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## ▶ Pursue Peace:

- ▶ Debating over matters that are “optional” serves no purpose.
- ▶ “Pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another” (**Rom. 14:19**).
- ▶ Matters of conscience need to be “settled” personally (**Rom. 14:22-23**).

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## ▶ Concluding Thoughts:

- ▶ Romans 14 is not dealing with necessities. It is dealing with issues that are morally neutral, that is optional.
- ▶ The strong in faith are expected to tolerate the weak. They do not have to give up their “eating of meat.”
- ▶ There is no prohibition on studying these matters of conscience.
- ▶ There is the Biblical expectation for me to grow (**Heb. 5:12-14**).