

# Faith Works: The Balancing Act

## Romans 14:1-23

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One of the best things about following Jesus in faith is the freedom He gives you. Freedom from sin and its consequence.

Freedom from fear and insecurity. Freedom to choose and pursue His plans for you. Freedom to fail, knowing He will pick you up again.

Freedom to succeed, knowing **He** gets all the glory.

Freedom in knowing His love for you never ends.

The list continues of all the ways His freedom impacts our lives.

Yet, living with such freedom is not always easy, because other believers are freely living next to us. Sometimes our expressions of freedom bump into each other. At other times they may even offend. Our expressions of freedom must be tempered with love and respect for other believers who may not currently be experiencing the same type of freedom we are...

and that can be challenging. Our passage today addresses the need for balance as believers interact with each other...

**Big Idea: I am free . . . and responsible!**

**Jesus Christ set me free to choose for His glory,  
but I am responsible to honor others to I must:**

Distinguish biblical commands from opinions.      verses 1-4

Develop my own convictions.      verses 5-8, 22-23

Honor the convictions of other believers.      verses 9-21

**Thank God for His freedom in your life!  
Ask Him for the grace  
to always honor others with your freedom.**

Looking ahead? Check out Romans 15:1-22 for next time.

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How to Make Decisions When the Bible is Silent:

**1. Is it beneficial and constructive?**

1 Corinthians 10:23

**2. Is it motivated by love for others?**

1 Corinthians 10:24

**3. Is it producing a clear conscience?**

1 Corinthians 10:25-30

**4. Is it bringing glory to God?**

1 Corinthians 10:31

**5. Is it causing a weak believer to sin?**

1 Corinthians 10:32

**6. Is it good for my witness as a Christ-follower?**

1 Corinthians 10:33

