

# Learning to build each other up

*Romans 14:13-23*

## **Introduction**

Verses 1-12 call us to the right **Attitude** = A

Verses 13-23 call us to the right **Action** = A

## **#1-Whatever we do affects others: 13-15a** **it builds them up or tears them down**

1 Cor. 8:9 *But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.*

Rom. 16:17 *Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.*

Eph. 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

2 Cor. 5:7 *walk by faith, not by sight*

Gal. 5:16 *walk by the Spirit*

Col. 1:10 *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*

## **#2-Why should Christians build up others? 15-18**

### **1st-because of the incredible \_\_\_\_\_ of every person 15b**

*Acts 14:17 God... did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness*

### **2nd-because we are being watched as \_\_\_\_\_ 16**

### **3rd-because we focus on what's really important 17-18**

#### **1-Christians focus on \_\_\_\_\_ heart character not \_\_\_\_\_ gray choices 17**

*Eph 4:3 diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*

#### **Rate yourself:**

- 1-righteousness
- 2-peace
- 3-joy in the Holy Spirit

#### *Circle one*

- Strong, Average, Weak
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#### **2-Christians focus on \_\_\_\_\_ God and showing \_\_\_\_\_ to all people 18**

*2 Cor. 5:9...we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*

*Phil. 4:18 ... a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.*

Rom. 12:1 *I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

1 Cor 9:22 *To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. 23 And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.*

### #3-How can Christians build each other up? 19-23

#### 1st-by \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to build each other up 19

1 Tim. 6:11 *pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love...*

Eph. 4:12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

Eph. 4:16 *...the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

#### 2nd-by \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ for each other 20-21

1 Cor. 8:9 *But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.*

#### 1-When I break a clear standard of the scripture

1 John 3:4 *Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.*

#### 2-When I know what to do, but I don't do it

James 4:17 *Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

#### 3-When I'm not sure it's right, but I do it anyway

Rom. 14:23 *But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.*

#### *The Bible says we can have a ...*

1 Tim. 1:19 *a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.*

1 Tim. 3:9 *a clear conscience.* 1 Cor. 8:12 *wounding their conscience*

1 Tim. 4:2 *seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,*

Titus 1:15 *conscience are defiled.*

#### 4-When I cause a believer to stumble even when the action is good in and of itself

1 Cor. 8: **9** *But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11 For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. 12 And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble.*

1 Cor. 10:23-24 *All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. 24 Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.*

James 3:1 *Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.*

Heb. 13:17 *Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account.*

Galatians 5:13 *For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

**3rd-by not forcing our \_\_\_\_\_ on others 22**

Rom. 12:18 *If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men*

**4th-by living by \_\_\_\_\_ 22-23**

**1-The positive results of living by faith 22**

**2-The negative results of living by doubt 23**

Rom. 4:20 ... *did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith*

James 1:6 ... *the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

**Conclusion**

**#1-What's the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life?**

Value people-----•-----•-----•-----•-----	Use People
Show Jesus to others--•-----•-----•-----•-----	Keep it to yourself
Internal heart passion-•-----•-----•-----•-----	External appearances
Pleasing God-----•-----•-----•-----•-----	Pleasing yourself

**#2-What is your \_\_\_\_\_ towards others?**

- Write a **note** per week to someone in this body
- Bring a **gift** to someone each week
- To **invite** a new person to lunch, once a month
- Encourage** one new person per week

**#3-What freedom is God asking you to \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Write it down* \_\_\_\_\_

**#4-What freedom is God asking you to learn to \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Write it down* \_\_\_\_\_

**#5-Do you know the difference between a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_?**

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| Principle = B/Bible                                   | or   | preference category = G/Gray                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drinking a glass of wine     | <input type="checkbox"/> wearing make up   | <input type="checkbox"/> wearing hats         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the holy laughter movement   | <input type="checkbox"/> operation rescue  | <input type="checkbox"/> deliverance ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> contemporary christian music | <input type="checkbox"/> hair length       | <input type="checkbox"/> card playing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the role of women            | <input type="checkbox"/> church discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> faith healers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> square dancing               | <input type="checkbox"/> divorce           | <input type="checkbox"/> the gift of tongue   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drinking one bear after work | <input type="checkbox"/> evolution         | <input type="checkbox"/> the lordship debate  |

**#6-Paul has called you to live by \_\_\_\_\_ that begins by coming to \_\_\_\_\_, by faith**