



1. Introduction

a. What do some words mean?

- passion: strong desire
 - * could be sports, hobbies
- edification: building up person's character
 - * could be from preacher, parent, teacher
 - * encourage to good behavior or kindness to others

b. Edify

- "to follow after"
- preachers edify Christians
- parents edify children
- someone in authority sets good example
 - * followers copy (mimic) good example
 - * unfortunately some are bad bad examples

c. Context in Rom 14:17-18

- Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, & joy
- you serve Christ?
 - * accepted to God & approved by people

2. Stop living for yourself

a. No more selfishness

- parents cannot be selfish with their children
- children's needs more important than parent's wishes or wants

- 2b. People in authority
- they do not argue, fight, or talk in anger to their followers
 - they lead people to live better lives for their families & others

c. Rom 14:7 No one lives or dies to himself

3. Realize (know) gospel is focus of Christian

a. Rom 14:9 Christ Jesus died & rose again (came alive from death)

- Jesus is Lord of both the dead & living

b. Gospel of Jesus Christ: Christ died, was buried, & rose again alive from the dead on 3rd day (1 Cor 15:1, 3-4)

4. Avoid causing others to stumble

a. Rom 14:13

- no more judging each other
- no stumbling block in Christian brother/sister life
- not causing someone to fall

b. Rom 14:21

- Eat meat?

- Drink wine?

- Not good if Christian causes * other person to stumble in life

- * causes offense to other person

- * ~~causes~~ makes other person weak

c. Rom 14:17 Kingdom of God is not eating & not drinking

5. Live peaceable with others

a. Rom 12:18 As much as possible, live peaceably with all people

b. Rom 10:15 gospel of peace

c. Rom 16:20 God of peace

d. 1 Cor 14:11 God is not of confusion, but of peace