

# Romans

Do Not Cause Another to Stumble ([Romans 14:13-23](#))

**Read: Do Not Cause Another to Stumble (14:13-23)**

**Explain: Do Not Cause Another to Stumble (14:13-23)**

What do the words mean?

**13 Therefore let us not pass judgment** [*krino*; present active subjunctive; distinguish, decide, try, condemn, punish, avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, sue, ordain, call in question, sentence, think] **on one another any longer, but rather decide** [*krino*; aorist active imperative] **never to put** [present active infinitive] **a stumbling block** [stob, occasion of apostasy, offence, stumbling block, stumbling stone] **or hindrance** [*skandalon*; snare, occasion to fall, offence, thing that offends, stumbling-block] **in the way of a brother.** **14 I know** [perfect passive (Robertson) indicative] **and am persuaded** [perfect middle indicative; convinced, assented, rely, agreed, assured, believed, have confidence in, contented, make friend, obeyed, persuaded, trusted, yielded] **in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean** [common, shared by all or several, profane, defiled, unclean, unholy] **in itself, but it is** [present middle infinitive] **unclean for anyone who thinks** [*logizomai*; present middle participle; taken inventory, estimated, concluded, esteemed, imputed, numbered, reasoned, reckoned] **it unclean.** **15 For if your brother is grieved** [present middle indicative; distressed, to be sad, cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, be sorrowful, be sorry] **by what you eat** [food, especially (ceremonial) articles allowed or forbidden by the Jewish law, meat, victuals], **you are no longer walking** [present active indicative; tread all around, walk, live, deport oneself, follow] **in love** [*agape*]. **By what you eat, do not destroy** [present active imperative; be destroyed fully, perish, lose, die] **the one for whom Christ died** [second aorist active indicative]. **16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil** [present passive (Robertson) imperative; vilified, spoken impiously of, blasphemed, defamed, railed on, reviled, spoken evil against]. **17 For the kingdom** [royalty, rule, realm, kingdom, reign] **of God is** [present middle indicative] **not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness] **and peace** [peace, prosperity, one, quietness, rest, to be set at one again] **and joy** [cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness, greatly, exceedingly joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous)] **in the Holy Spirit** [*pneuma*]. **18 Whoever thus serves** [*douleuo*; present active participle; be a slave, be in bondage, do service] **Christ is acceptable** [fully agreeable, acceptable, well pleasing] **to God and approved** [properly acceptable,

approved, tried] **by men**. **19 So then let us pursue** [present active subjunctive; pursue, \_\_\_\_\_, ensue after, given to, press toward] **what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding** [\_\_\_\_\_, a structure, confirmation, building, edify].

**20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy** [present active imperative; to loosen down (disintegrate), \_\_\_\_\_, halt for the night, destroy, dissolve, be guest, lodge, come to naught, overthrow, throw down] **the work** [works, toil, labor] **of God**.

**Everything is indeed clean** [clean, clear, pure], **but it is wrong** [worthless, depraved, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked] **for anyone to make another stumble by** [*dia*] **what he eats** [present active participle]. **21 It is good** [beautiful, good, valuable, virtuous, better, fair, good, honest, meet, well, worthy] **not to eat** [second aorist active infinitive] **meat** [butcher's meat, flesh] **or drink** [*pino*; second aorist active infinitive; imbibe, drink] **wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble** [present active indicative; strike at, surge against (as water), stub on, trip up, beat upon, dash, stumble at]. **22 The faith** [*pistis*; persuasion, moral conviction, reliance upon, constancy in profession, the system of religious truth, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity] **that you have** [present active indicative], **keep** [present active imperative] **between yourself and God**. **Blessed** [fortunate, well off, happy] **is the one who has no reason to pass judgment** [*krino*; present active participle] **on himself for what he approves** [present active indicative; test, approve, allow, discern, examine, like, prove, try]. **23 But whoever has doubts** [present middle participle; separate thoroughly, withdraw from, oppose, discriminate, hesitate, contend, differ, discern, doubt, judge, be partial, stagger, waver] **is condemned** [*katakrino*; perfect passive (Robertson) indicative; judge against, sentence, condemn, damn] **if he eats** [second aorist active subjunctive], **because the eating is not from faith** [*pistis*]. **For whatever does not proceed from faith** [*pistis*] **is** [present middle indicative] **sin** [offense, sin].

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

### Apply (What is the point?)

1. We have a \_\_\_\_\_
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is required for life

### Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Choose wisely
2. Build up brothers
3. Live in \_\_\_\_\_

### Next week: The Example of Christ (15:1-7)

### Homework: Ask, Read, Talk, Send