TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Romans 14:14-23

SERMON TITLE: "My Neighbor's Keeper...NOT His Judge!"

your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? *For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*" **Romans 14:10**

"For it is written: '*As* I live, says the Lord, *Every* knee shall bow to Me, And *every* tongue shall confess to God.'" Romans 14:11

"So then each of us shall *give account* of himself to God. **vs.13** Therefore *let us not judge* one another anymore..." **Romans 14:12-13a** "...*but rather resolve this*, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way." **Romans 14:13b**



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SERMON POINTS:

CONSIDERATION
CONSTRUCTION
CONCENTRATION
CONFIRMATION
CONDEMNATION

SERMONIC POINT #1: CONSIDERATION

"I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself;..." **Romans 14:14a**

"...but *to him* who considers anything to be unclean, *to him it is* unclean." Romans 14:14b "Yet if *your brother* is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love." Romans 14:15a "All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for the man who eats with offense." **Romans 14:20b** "*It is* good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which *your brother* stumbles or is offended or is made weak." **Romans 14:21**



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SERMONIC POINT #2: CONSTRUCTION

"Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died." **Romans 14:15b** "Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food." Romans 14:20a

SERMONIC POINT #3: CONCENTRATION

"Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;"

Romans 14:16

"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy *in the Holy Spirit*." **Romans 14:17** "Therefore...pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may *edify* another." **Romans 14:19**



"For he who serves Christ in these things *is acceptable* to God and approved by men." Romans 14:18

<u>SERMONIC</u> POINT #4:

CONDEMNATION

"Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Happy *is* he who does not *condemn* himself in what he approves." **Romans 14:22**

"But he who doubts is *condemned* if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin."

Romans 14:23