## Stepping Stones Not Stumbling Blocks Romans 14:13-23

<u>Galatians 5:1</u>, "Stand fast therefore in the <u>Liberty</u> by which Christ has made us <u>Free</u> & do not be <u>Entangled</u> again with the yoke of <u>Bondage</u>."

"Alright! I can live ANY way I <u>WANT</u>!!" (1 Cor. 6:12, 1 Cor. 10:23)

We <u>ARE</u> Free to live as we please but that freedom is "<u>Conditioned</u>" by how it <u>IMPACTS</u> those around us.

## 1. OUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTY INTERPRETED

- Paul points out Some Things Are Perfectly NEUTRAL (v.14a)
- Paul also points out Some Things Are Plainly SPIRITUAL (v.17)
- Some Things Are Patently <u>INDIVIDUAL</u> (v.14b, 22)
- In Everything I do, I must Consider my brother!

## 2. OUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTY ILLUSTRATED

- We Are To **Show COMPASSION** To Our Brother. (v.13,15a)
- We Are To Make A <u>CONTRIBUTION</u> To Our Brother. (v.19)
- We Are To **Walk In <u>CONSIDERATION</u>** Of Our Brother. (v.21)
- <u>BY CHOICE</u>, I don't put an <u>Obstacle</u> in another's path.

## 3. OUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTY IS <u>INVESTIGATED</u>

- We Are Investigated **Daily** By The Eyes Of **MEN**. (v.16, 18)
- People are Watching & what they see Determines what they think of Jesus!
- We Are Investigated **Divinely** By The Eyes Of **The MASTER**. (vv.18, 22-23)
- "If there is a <u>DOUBT</u>, leave it <u>OUT</u>!" (v.23)
- If you really want to be Happy, learn to Put Others First in your daily walk! (v.22)