

Don't Trip Up! Build Up!
Romans 14:13-23

Command: Don't judge or cause others to stumble. 13

- ◆ In view of 14:1-12, we get a 4th command about judging.
- ◆ New concern = don't be an obstacle/stumbling block, (v.21 I Cor. 8:9) which can lead one to sin, Matt. 16:23, Lk. 17:1.

Concession: I am on the side of the strong. 14a

Paul agrees with the strong on issues, 20a, 15:1, I Cor. 8:8.

Concern: the weak's welfare and strong's approval. 14b-18

- ◆ The strong should choose love over liberty or the result can be distress/destruction of the weak, cf. I Cor. 8:11.

- ◆ What are some areas some may stumble over?

- ◆ The strong should make it a priority to pursue the kingdom of God, which pleases Him and which men approve.

Conclusion: Don't tear down, build up, act in faith. 19-23

- ◆ Determine to do what builds up versus tearing down.
- ◆ Paul's view on our rights: 21, I Cor 6:3,12, 8:13, 10:32.
- ◆ Faith in our convictions before God = happy confidence.
- ◆ Doubt instead of faith condemns us if we plunge ahead.

