

“But take heed lest by any means this Liberty Of Yours Become A Stumblingblock to them that are weak.” 1 Corinthians 8:9 KJV



Just because you have no problem with eating chocolate doesn't mean it's good for everyone. I've heard it's bad for dogs. Being diabetic I can understand how things others allow are hurtful for me. The same applies to your Liberty in Christ. Many of us still have hang ups related to former beliefs that hinder us from the true freedom of faith. It may be perfectly OK for me to eat bananas, but if I throw my peels away willy-nilly and cause another to slip and fall, I am wrong. I

may see nothing wrong with a particular activity, but if it causes someone to stumble in their faith, I should not do it. We should care more for other's growth in Grace than our own liberties. My liberty ends if it infringes another's faith. The flip side of that is don't judge a brother on the basis of your understanding, but rather search the Scriptures for wisdom. *“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”* The question to ask is, “Have my words or actions caused another to sin?” Speaking your mind is not always the right thing. Sometimes silence really is golden.

Be careful what you do and say,
Because others may surely pay,
Make sure your path is clean and bright,
For those that follow in your Light. –CGP

Are your words and actions thrown around willy-nilly or are you sensitive to the needs of others? I am guilty of saying things I later regret, because it hurt someone I love. By God's Grace I am growing and by His Grace I will continue. I believe forgiveness is the character trait of the true believer for they recognize their own shortcomings before God first.

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15 KJV