



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Jesus help us to be wise in all areas of our lives. Help us to discern when we are causing another person offense. Bless us and keep us and lead us in Your way. Fill us with God's will for us and plans, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Scripture

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumbling block to them that are weak. Gal 5:13; 10 For if any man see you which have knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; 11 And through your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? Rom 14:15; 12 But when you sin so against the brothers, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Why, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stands, lest I make my brother to offend. Rom 14:21; 2Cor 11:29;

1 Corin. 8:9-13

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There were many gods in Greece, and much of the meat offered for sale in public marketplaces had first been offered as a sacrifice to some idol. (Sacrificing an animal did not necessarily mean that the entire animal was burnt on an altar. In the Old Testament, some offerings involved only the burning of certain parts of the animal, while the rest served as food or priests. Similarly, the Passover lamb was taken to the temple to be killed but was eaten that night by the family during the Passover celebration.) At issue was not only the eating of the meat, but also the matter of participating in social functions with their heathen friends, functions that were often accompanied by shameful licentiousness. Paul points out that stronger Christians who participate in unrighteous activities may hinder the spiritual growth of new Christians or even cause those who observe this unrighteous behavior to fall away from Christ. Paul reminds the stronger Christians that when they engage in unrighteous behavior, they are not only sinning before the Lord but also sinning against their brothers and sisters in Christ. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 781)

Edifieth means builds up. The knowledge of God is the most important knowledge. Though most Christians could eat meat sacrificed to idols without feeling guilty, some Christians suffered pangs of conscience if they ate it. We're to practice our liberty in Christ in submission to the law of love, so that we don't destroy our brothers by offending their consciences. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentary; page 84)

This is a tuff Scripture chapter.....as you are going about your day....have you ever had a person say; " you are a Christian and you are doing that??"Just really makes you stop in stride....huh? I think a lot of it comes from different churches denominations.....one church says: you cannot dance, another says you cannot go to the movies; another says you cannot wear watches;makes you wonder huh? Some of what people question is not in the Bible....just not there....because I have searched the Bible for the topic and it's just not there.....so.....than.....we know it is a man made law, nothing to do with God's Word. Some churches say rock bands are ok, another one will say you are going to hell. It is sometimes called legalism. A lot of people are oppressed in religion. A good example was the news broadcast of the Mormon women getting off the school bus in their compound....did you see it? All the female's ranging from babies to adults.....had the exact same hair style (not the babies, but young female children) the exact same dress just different colors, and spoke the exact same words.....a lot of that would be classed as brain washing, if you hear it all day and 24/7 times, soon you believe it is real.

Still if we are doing something and another brother or sister, says well, I don't believe in that or that is sin, than if we do it, than they follow suit and do it, if they don't believe in it, it could cause them to stumble and fall.....so we don't do it, at least in their presence, and when you sin against your brethren in this way, wounding and damaging their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore if we are doing anything that could cause a brother or sister to fall or of hindering, we are to not do it, lest we cause our brother or sister to be tripped up and fall and to be offended.

In 1 Corinthians 8:1, Paul said that knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. If we seek to walk in real love more than we seek to know things we are much better off. Pride makes us think we do not need God. Pride always comes before destruction. Beware of pride and seek love. Love is humble, not puffed up or inflated with pride. Instead of being anxious to tell others what we know, let us strive to edify them and build them up. We do not need to try to impress other people, we need to humble ourselves and let God exalt us in His timing. (KJV; and Amplified; Scripture, commentaries/notes; Joyce Meyers; pages 1858-1859)

Romans 14

1 Him that is weak in the faith receive you, but not to doubtful disputations.
2 For one believes that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eats herbs. 3 Let not him that eats despise him that eats not; and let not him which eats not judge him that eats: for God has received him. Col 2:16; 4 Who are you that judge another man's servant? to his own master he stands or falls. Yes, he shall be held up: for God is able to make him stand. Jas 4:12;
5 One man esteems one day above another: another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. Gal 4:10; Col 2:16;
6 He that regards the day, regards it to the Lord; and he that regards not the day, to the Lord he does not regard it. He that eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he that eats not, to the Lord he eats not, and gives God thanks. 1Cor 10:31; 1Tim 4:3; 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no man dies to himself. 2Cor 5:15; Gal 2:20; 1Thess 5:10; 1Pet 4:2; 8 For whether we live, we live to the Lord; and whether we die, we die to the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
10 But why do you judge your brother? or why do you set at nothing your brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Matt 25:31; 2Cor 5:10; 11 For it is written, As I live, said the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Isa 45:23; Phil 2:10; 12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10; Jer 32:19; Matt 16:27; Rom 2:6; 1Cor 3:8; 2Cor 5:10; Gal 6:5; Rev 2:23; Rev 22:12;
13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. 1Cor 10:32; 2Cor 6:3;

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteems any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. Matt 15:11; Acts 10:15; 1Cor 8:4; 1Tim 4:4; 15 But if your brother be grieved with your meat, now walk you not charitably. Destroy not him with your meat, for whom Christ died. 1Cor 8:11;
16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of: 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 1Cor 8:8; 18 For he that in these things serves Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things with which one may edify another. 20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eats with offense. Titus 1:15; 21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby your brother stumbles, or is offended, or is made weak. 1Cor 8:13;
22 Have you faith? have it to yourself before God. Happy is he that condemns not himself in that thing which he allows. 23 And he that doubts is damned if he eat, because he eats not of faith: for whatever is not of faith is sin. Titus 1:15;

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light
unto my path.**



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