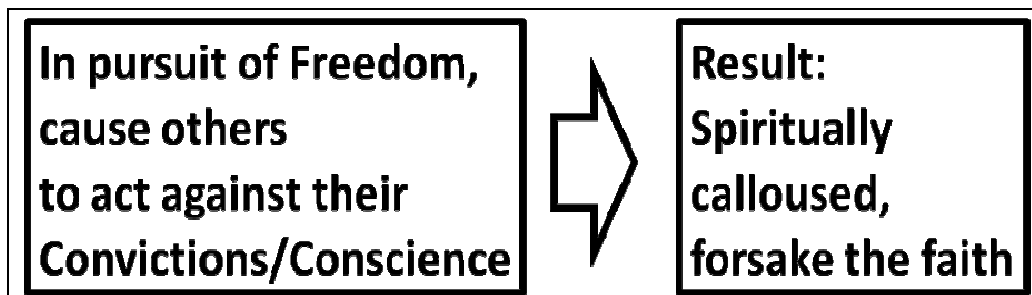
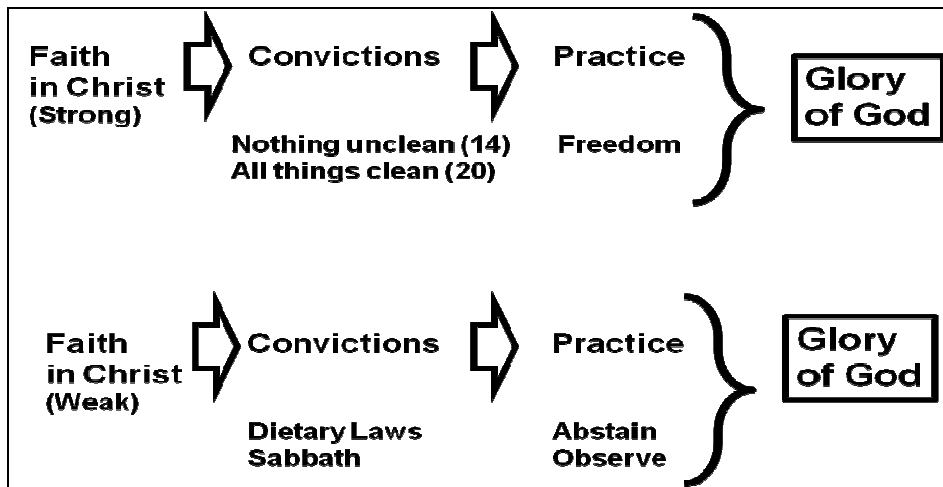


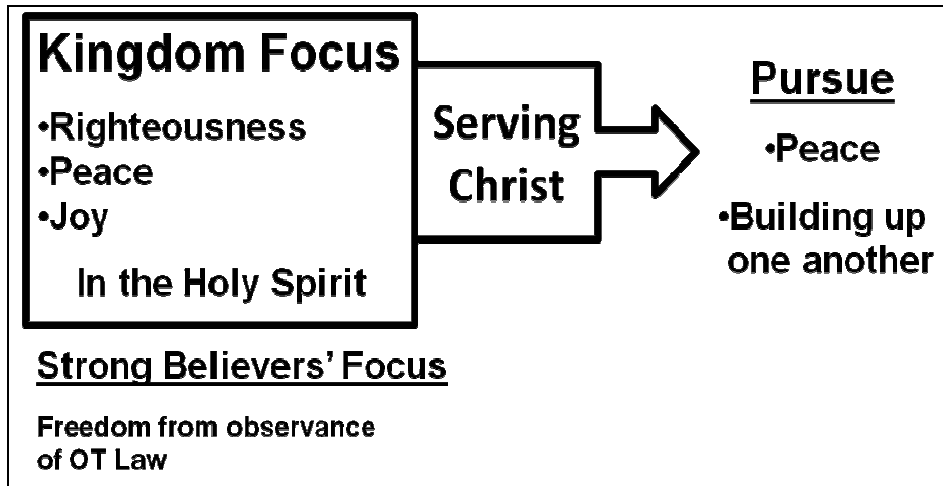
“Learning to Pursue the Right Things”
Romans 14:1-12

Romans 14:1-12 Do Not Cause Another to Stumble

¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹ It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²² The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.





So, how will I be different today because of these truths?

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let’s work through “Jesus is Lord” today. Read Romans 14:1-12 and identify every time Christ or God is called “Lord.” Note that the term is translated “master” one time (v. 4). And the verb is used in v. 9, “be the Lord.” How would you define this term? What kind of claims does Christ’s lordship have on you?
- How would you distinguish “commitment” from “surrender”? What does the following quote mean and how do you see it within your own life? “When you are committed, you’re in control; when you surrender, you relinquish control.”
- What do you need to work on with regard to character or behavior to put this into practice? Be sure to bring it before the Lord and ask Him for His help and guidance.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 14:13-23 and identify what our lives should look like when Christ is our Lord. Describe what the Kingdom Focus is and what we are to pursue in light of that.
- Romans 14:7 says that no believer is independent or lives for himself. What does it mean to live for Christ? What does it mean “act in love” toward others?
- Consider what you are pursuing and seek to pursue peace and building up of others.

Friday-Saturday

- Read Romans 14:13-23 and identify areas that you might be a “stumbling block” or “hindrance” toward other believers. Talk this over with a friend or a group of friends.
- What do you need to do today to change that behavior out of love for the other? How could you put together abstaining from something in public and possibly not abstaining in private?