**Exploring Romans**

**Lesson 18**

**Don’t Trip-Um!**

Read Romans 14

 Memory Work: Romans 14:10-12

 1. From the following, who is the weaker brother?

 a. He is careful about his behavior so as not to stumble anyone.

 b. He abstains from certain things and judges by appearance. Back up your answer with Scripture.

 2. The problem that Paul was addressing was whether or not to eat meat that was sacrificed to idols. What would be an up-to-date example that could create a stumbling block?

Think about 3. To observe days (Verse 6) probably refers to Old Testament ceremonial holy days. Do you think we have become too lax in our day by treating every day equally? Explain.

 4.a. Should we all have to believe and behave exactly alike. . .what is the danger of this?

 b. Is verse 8 really the answer to what is important? Explain.

Evaluate c. How successful are you in doing all things to please Him?

 5.a. When we judge our brother, what do we often forget? Verses 10-12.

 b. What are we doing when we show contempt for our brother?

 c. What is contempt?

 d. Were we not warned about this in Matthew 7:1-5 which says such criticism violates the law of

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e. What added thoughts does Luke 6:37-42 give us?

 f. Why are we so preoccupied with others’ sins and yet we conveniently overlook our \_ \_ \_.

 g. Are you ready to stand before the judgment seat of Christ?

h. If your name is not in the Book of Life, where will you be judged? Revelation 20:11-15. How do you get your name in the Book of Life?

 6.a. Rather than judging someone, what are we to resolve? Verse 13.

 b. What could be a stumbling block?

 c. Is it easy to stumble someone and not be aware of it. . .why wouldn’t you be aware of it?

 d. What further truth do we learn in Matthew 18:3-6?

 7. What is the real issue of Romans 14:14, 15?

 8.a. Give an example of letting your good be spoken of as evil. Verse 16.

 b. What does verse 17 tell us with regard to the Kingdom of God?

 c. Is your life full of peace and joy? Verse 17.

 d. If not, where is your focus?

 e. Therefore, the real issues are far deeper than eating or drinking and the real issue involves your

 personal relationship with the H\_ \_ \_ S\_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

 9.a. What does it mean to “edify one another”...are you?

 b. What is the difference between “stumble,” “offended,” and made “weak?” Verse 21.

 c. When Scripture is not clear on an issue, how should a person decide what is right or wrong?

 d. If you are not sure if something is right or wrong, should you do that thing? Why or why not?

e. What do you owe others? Romans 13:8...how are you doing?

Think about f. Should a Christian woman in a Muslim country cover herself as Muslim women do? Why or why

 not?