

# A Balancing Framework For . . .

## Exalting Christ in Our Liberties

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### Introduction – Fred & Nancy

- Which one are you more like?
- How does that affect your view of your liberties?
- How do your answers to these two questions affect your living in unity with other's liberties?

### **1A. What is Christian Liberty?**

1B. Salvation – Justification (Matthew 5:17-18)

2B. Sanctification

Areas of life not explicitly addressed in Scripture where the Christian is free to make up his own mind as to whether he will participate or abstain (Romans 14:5)

What are some examples?

### **2A. The Galatian Lesson – “Stand Firm” (Galatians 5:1)**

**Legalists**

- The context is Acts 13-15 noting when Galatians was written
- The People - \_\_\_\_\_
- The Issue - \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul's Adamant Defense of Their Liberty in Christ
- Other Examples
  - Mark 7:1-23 Traditions of Men
  - Colossians 2:16-23 Asceticism
- Circumcision – Timothy (Acts 16:1-5) & Titus (Galatians 2:3-5)
- Enjoy Your Freedoms – Let Nobody Rob You! (cf. John 8:31-36, 10:10, 1 Timothy 4:1-5, 6:17-19)
- YET, Walk in The Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18, 25; cf. Ephesians 5:18, Colossians 3:16)
  - Psalm 1
  - Psalm 119:97
- The believer's relationship to the Old Testament “Law”
  - Ceremonial
  - Civil
  - Moral
- The Nature of the New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-34 (cf. Ezekiel 36:26-28), Romans 7:22, 8:1
- The Law of Christ – 1 Corinthians 9:20-24, Romans 13:14 (cf. Psalm 1; 119:97, Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Two Illustrations of Moral Law – The Need to Discern True Areas of Christian Liberty

1B. Grumbling & Complaining

2B. Gluttony

\*\*\*Total Liberty AND Total Slavery

**3A. The Corinthians Lesson – “Take Heed” (1 Corinthians 8-10)****Libertines**

Lessons next 2 weeks – Thomas (8/4) and Adam (8/11)

- 2 Timothy 3:1-6
- Jude 4

Legalism

Man Made Rules

Partial Grace

Low view of Liberty

Performance Trap

Add to

Balance

Sola Scriptura

Sovereign Grace

Spirit-Filled Living

Law of Christ

Search the Scriptures

License

Antinomianism

Hyper Grace

Exalted View of Liberty

Undisciplined Life

Take Away

**4A. The Roman Lesson – “Judge Not” “Receive” (Romans 14:3-4,10,13)****All Believers**

Lesson on 8/18 (Wayne)

Chart Adapted from Garry Friesen “Decision Making &amp; The Will of God” (p 417)

<b>Categories of Differing Brothers</b>			
	<b>Weaker Brother</b> (Romans 14:2)	<b>Convinced Brother</b> (Romans 14:5)	<b>Pharisee</b> (Galatians 2:1-14)
1	He differs from my opinions at times	He differs from my opinion at times	He differs from my opinion at times
2	He is <b>not</b> fully convinced	He is fully convinced	He is fully convinced
3	He is sincere	He is convinced and <b>humble</b>	He is convinced and <b>proud</b>
4	He <b>needs</b> teaching and is open to it	He has been taught, but is open to correction	He has been taught, but is <b>not</b> open to correction
5	He is surprised at my use of freedom	He receives me with my differing opinion	He judges or despises me for my differing conviction
6	He does not think he can teach me	He is willing to discuss why he differs	He seeks to make me conform to his viewpoint
7	He is negatively influenced by my example	He is not improperly influenced by my example	He is not influenced by my example
8	I can cause him to stumble into sin	I cannot cause him to stumble into sin	His pride will cause him to stumble into sin
9	He is caused to sin by my wrong use of freedom	He is not caused to sin by my use of freedom	He becomes upset by my use of freedom
10	When I cause him to stumble it is an “offense <b>given</b> ”	Since he does not stumble, there is no offense at all	When he stumbles over my freedom, it is an “offense <b>taken</b> ”
11	I need never give him offense	I will not be able to give him offense	I will not be able to prevent his taking offense
12	I become a willing slave to his conscience	I am free to exercise my freedom	I will not allow him to enslave me to his standards
13	I must limit my freedom to avoid sinning against him	I need not limit my freedom to his account	I may choose to limit my freedom to keep him from getting upset at me (then again, I may not!)

**5A. Making Decisions Within the Biblical Framework**

- Emulation – Will it be like Christ? (Colossians 3:17, 1 John 2:6)
- Exaltation – Will this bring Glory to God? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Edification – Will this benefit me spiritually? (1 Corinthians 10:23-24)
- Esteem – Will this benefit others spiritually or stumble them? (1 Corinthians 8:8-9, Romans 14:13)
- Example – Will be a helpful pattern for others to follow? (1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Timothy 4:12)
- Excess – Will it slow me down or distract me in the race? (Hebrews 12:1, 1 Corinthians 9:27)
- Enslavement – Will it bring me into bondage? (1 Corinthians 6:12)
- Ethics – Will it violate my conscience or any Biblically informed, tender conscience? (Acts 24:16)
- Evangelism – Will it further the gospel and my testimony? (1 Corinthians 9:12,23 10:32-3)
- Excuse – Will it really just be a covering for my sin? (1 Peter 2:16)
- Exhortation – What do wise & mature counselors advise? (Proverbs 6:20, 8:32-6,11:14, 12:15)
- Eternity – Will it add to my eternal reward? (Matthew 6:19-21)