

The Law of Love and Unity
Romans 14: 14-23

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Verse 14 - 15

The Law of Love -

Do not grieve your brother

Jesus told Paul, ***“nothing is unclean of itself”***
This is referring back to verse 2-3, the meat issue

THERE IS NOTHING UNCLEAN OF ITSELF



Eating meat is not a sin, it does not defile us, and it is not unclean. Eating meat is only unclean if you personally convince yourself that it is, in which case you are weak in the faith, according to Paul.



The weaker brother's conscience cannot deal with this,
“ to him it is unclean ”

The Law of Love informs me that I must be considerate of the weaker brother in gray areas

The welfare of my brother or sister is more important than my liberty!

If I really love someone, I will be aware of their weak points and not tempt them to fall into a dark hole of despair

Remember what love does: Love edifies, is kind, is not self-seeking, does not delight in evil, rejoices with the truth

Do not grieve the weaker brother; do not be a cause for his/her fall; love them for real!

Verse 16 - 18

The Law of Love -

Give no reason for criticism

Never forget Christian, our world is watching you!

Watching to see if we really will submit to one another and be considerate of one another

How we get along is a huge witness to the world that Christianity really works

**It is not about my liberty; it is all about the kingdom of God,
*I represent my Lord!***

**When we are all about God's kingdom and not my liberty,
this is pleasing to God**

Verse 19

**The Law of Love -
*Pursue peace!***

“ pursue the things which make for peace.”

Pursue = press forward, run hard after; like a hunter after his prey

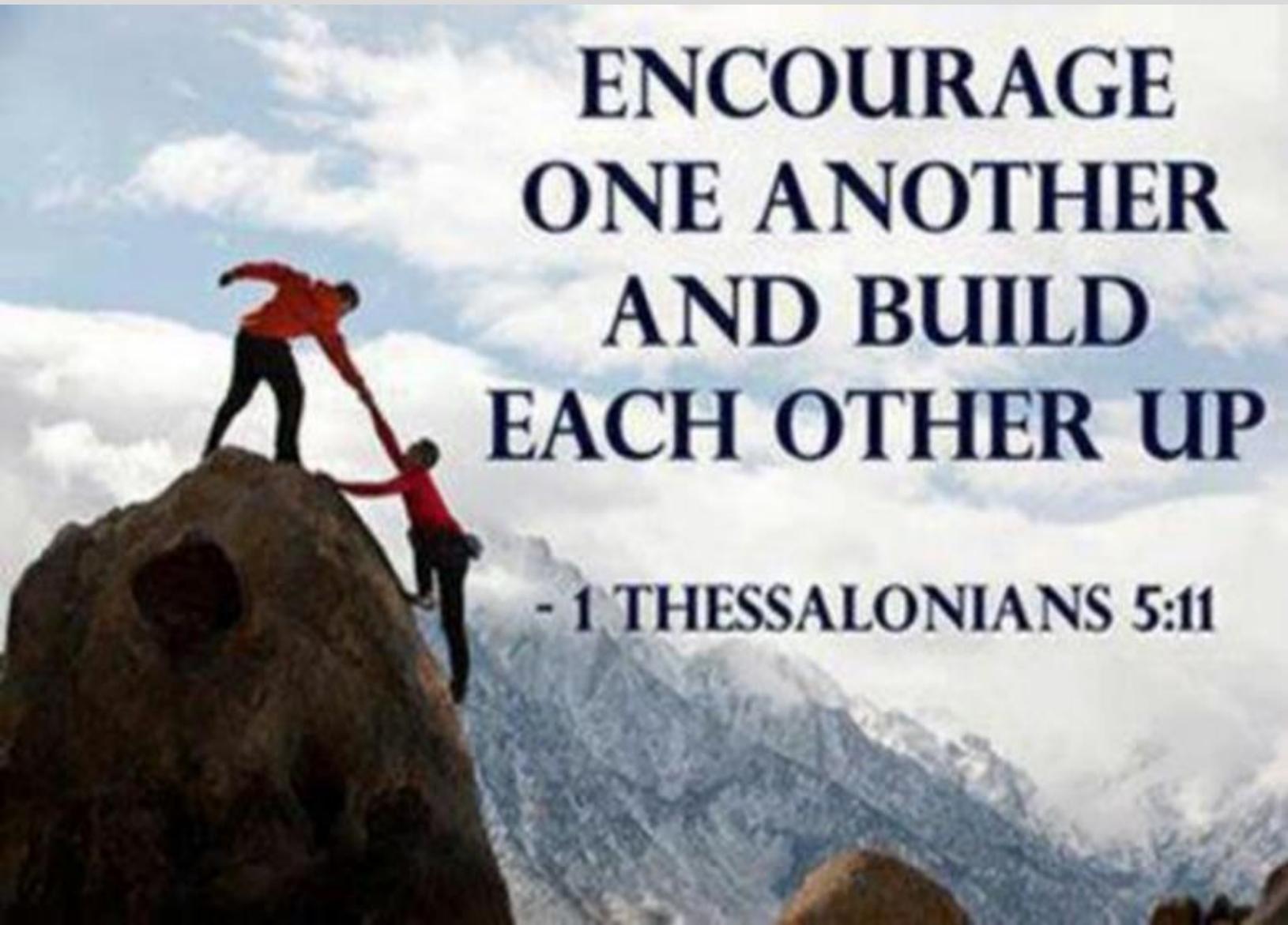
THIS IS LOVE!



Humans once chased antelopes for hours—until they dropped from exhaustion. No weapons, just endurance. The San of the Kalahari mastered this: persistence hunting. We were built to run, sweat, and survive. The original marathon wasn't for sport—it was for survival.

“ edify another.”

Building up another is the goal - THIS IS LOVE!

A photograph of two people climbing a large, dark rock formation. One person is standing on the peak, reaching down to help another person who is climbing up. The background shows a vast, mountainous landscape under a cloudy sky.

**ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER
AND BUILD
EACH OTHER UP**

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

***Brothers and sisters,
love God,
love people,
pursue peace!***

Verse 20 - 21

The Law of Love –

Does not cause your brother to stumble

God wants us to know:

In gray areas, *Grace!*

It really is that simple!

The point:

In gray areas, seek God's guidance and do what He is telling you to do

The point is that we are to help one another, *not hinder one another's growth!*

The Law of Love informs me to put others above myself

God's desire is for us to be united, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord

Verse 22 - 23

The Law of Love -
There is no condemnation!

For the strong believer there is a caution:

You don't have to give up your freedom, but keep it between you and God

For the weak believer there is a caution:

Don't allow the stronger brother's freedom to influence you in areas that you are convicted in

If you go against your God-given conscience, you are sinning!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Along life's journey, we will be faced with a myriad of choices

There are plenty of gray areas; areas that we must seek God on

Gray areas are between God and me

Some gray areas for me are a no-go zone;

Some gray areas are a go zone - ***Seek God!***

God first, then me - We are not asking God to rubber stamp my will and claim "*God told me*"

On the big issues, get alone with God, clear your mind of self and allow God to speak to your spirit

May God's will be done in our lives
as we move ever onward in our
journey of life

Remember the **Law of Love**
and stay UNITED!

Love God, love people, and seek
His will for your life

God's timing,
not mine.

God's will,
not mine.

God's plan,
not mine.

God's glory,
not mine.

**It is here that you will find the Shalom of God –
*Peace that passes all understanding!***

SHALOM

— THE PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING —

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

May the Law of Love direct your life and pursue peace!

**Shalom, Shalom
Perfect Peace**

Brothers and Sisters!!