The word **"bloodshed"** should make each and everyone of us **STOP**, and **THINK**, about the **"Bible."** Why, history tells us that **"Tens of Thousands"** of Christians lost their lives for their faith **IN** the **"Bible!"** Yes my friend, they came to the point in their lives where they preferred to **"Die, than to Sin"** and when their faith was **"Tested: They Died!"** Therein lies this question: "Are there any such Christians left in today's society?" **Not much!** In fact, **"Thousands"** of so-called "Christians" are dying everyday, not because of their faith **IN** the Bible, but, because they have outrightly rejected Biblical counsel and are following pastors, who are taking the Bible out of

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context. One such chapter is, Romans 14, yes; it is being used by so-called Biblical scholars to justify the eating of unclean foods, and the drinking of alcoholic wine, Sunday keeping instead of Sabbath keeping: "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without

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enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure." ISAIAH 5:14. How can this be, you ask? The Bible states: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are (what?) LOST: In whom the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3, 4. Why Pastors: "Have (not) renounced the hidden things of 'dishonesty,' (and are) 'walking in craftiness,' (thus) 'handling the word of God (how?) deceitfully;' (and the) 'manifestation of the truth,' (is not a part of their mindset). Thus: Dishonesty, craftiness, deceitfulness and being untruthful can best describe most Pastors. Friends, the time has come for us to let Romans 14 stand for what it is meant to be, and if we do, we would not read into IT what is not there. In fact, if we too consider well the subject, we would truly see the chapter was talking about "faith" and nothing else. In other words, any man who thinks righteousness is to be obtained by the eating of certain kinds of food, or by not eating certain foods shows that that man does not have a real knowledge of Christ. Hence, he goes on to think righteousness comes by a list of do's and don't. For this cause the Apostle Paul wrote: "For whatsoever [is] not of "faith" is SIN." ROMANS 14:23. Thus: "FAITH which WORKETH by LOVE." GALATIANS 5:6. That's the type of "FAITH" the world needs today, but sadly, we don't want IT!

Therefore, many people seem to think that even unclean beasts are made clean by the gospel. They forget or just don't seem to know that Christ purifies men, not beasts and reptiles. Notwithstanding, were there not poisonous plants in the days of Moses? Yes indeed! Aren't those same plants poisonous now? Not only that, the very people who seem to think that the gospel makes everything fit to eat, would be as much disgusted at the thought of eating cats, dogs, caterpillars, spiders, flies, etc. Is **filth** included likewise? In fact, if you were to go out for dinner at one of the finest restaurants in town and told the waitress you would like to try the newest dish on the menu, only to discover that after eating, you just ate a **"RODENT"** better known as **"RAT"**, what would you do; my friend? I can hear you now: **"RAT!"** Yes, that's it! "I'm going to call my lawyer." "Well", says the waitress, "you can call your lawyer, but; we read where the Bible states: There is nothing unclean of itself' (Rom 14:14) thereby, we added a **RAT** dish to our menu." Now there is no one who can imagine the Apostle Paul or any other person of good sense and refinement eating everything that he could possibly find on earth. Although most people think themselves **'wiser'** than God in the matter of eating and drinking, there are, as there always have been, certain things universally held to be unfit for food. Therefore when the Apostle says that nothing is unclean of itself, he biblically confines his remark to those things which God has provided for man's eating. Nonetheless, there are people whose conscience is so poorly instructed that they fear eating even foods which God has given to be eaten; just as there are some who forbid the eating of **"food which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving."** Foods which are: **"Sanctified'** by the **WORD of God and PRAYER."** 1 TIMOTHY 4:4, 5. Thus, God's word and prayer go hand in hand.

Last week, it was reported in the news that the Bahamian Government is thinking about putting a Conch catching season in place, like that of the lobster. How come? Ask God. **Is there a Conch Crisis?** If so, how come, when I told you not to eat the conch and the lobster? (Deut 14). Friends, when: Sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily ... the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil (by eating unclean foods) a hundred times, and his [days] be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him." ECCL 8:11, 12.

## **MEAT AND COLON CANCER PART 6**

Here is a continuation from last week's health tip. Remarkably, despite this strong relationship, no relationship emerged with saturated fat intake. This further strengthens the likelihood that other factors beside fat contribute to meat being a high-risk food. This means that changing animal-raising techniques and breeding practices to produce leaner livestock with less saturated fat will not decrease many of the most damaging aspects of these animal products. **From the book, Proof Positive, by Neil Nedley. Eat Right and Live!** 

