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Romans 14:1-23

Christian Liberty, Diversity, and Unity

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Do Not Pass Judgment

Romans 14:1-3 (LEB)

Now receive the one who is weak in faith, but **not for quarrels about opinions**. One believes he may eat all things, but the one who is weak eats only vegetables. The one who eats must not despise the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat **must not judge the one who eats, because God has accepted him**

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Christian Unity and Diversity

Romans 14:4-5 (LEB)

Who are you, who passes judgment on the domestic slave belonging to someone else? To his own master he stands or falls, and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person prefers one day over another day, and another person regards every day alike. **Each one must be fully convinced in his own mind.**

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Living Thankful to the Lord

Romans 14:6-7 (LEB)

The one who is intent on the day is intent on it for the Lord, and the one who eats eats for the Lord, because **he is thankful to God**, and the one who does not eat does not eat for the Lord, and **he is thankful to God**. For none of us lives for himself and none dies for himself.

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Living Thankful to the Lord

Romans 14:8-9 (LEB)

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. **Therefore whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.** For Christ died and became alive again for this reason, in order that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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Do Not Judge Others to Make Yourself Feel Better

Romans 14:10-12 (LEB)

But why do you judge your brother? Or also, why do you despise your brother? **For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.** For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will praise God." So each one of us will give an account concerning himself.

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Do Not Harm One Another

Romans 14:13, 14 (ESV)

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.** 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.

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Limit Personal Freedom If Necessary

Romans 14:15, 16 (ESV)

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.** So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.

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Fruit of Being Under the King

Romans 14:17 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

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Pursue Peace

Romans 14:18-20 (LEB)

For the one who serves Christ in this way is well-pleasing to God and approved by people. So then, let us pursue what promotes peace and what edifies one another. Do not destroy the work of God on account of food. All things are clean, but it is wrong for the person who eats and stumbles in the process.

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Live Consistently and Lovingly

Romans 14:21-22 (LEB)

It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine or to do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is weakened. The faith that you have, have with respect to yourself before God. Blessed is the one who does not pass judgment on himself by what he approves.

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Live by Faith

Romans 14:23 (LEB)

But the one who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not do so from faith, and **everything that is not from faith is sin.**

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