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Loving Your Brother is Giving Him Liberty

Romans 14:1-12

I. Love the Weaker Brother (vv. 1-4)

A. Welcome the _____ in the faith (v. 1)
[Acts 28:2; Rom. 15:1, 7; 1 Cor. 8:4-11; Psa. 115:4-8]

B. Allow people to be _____ (v. 2)
[Rom. 14:14; Acts 10:13-15]

C. Do not _____ each other (vv. 3-4)
[Matt. 15:11; Rom. 8:33-34]

II. Love the Particular Brother (vv. 5-9)

A. Be _____ in your own mind (v. 5)
[Ex. 20:8-10; Jn. 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Gal. 4:9-11; Col. 2:16-17]

B. Exercise your liberties by _____ God and giving thanks (v. 6) [1 Cor. 10:30-31]

C. Live to the _____ in all that you do (vv. 7-9)
[2 Cor. 5:9-10]

III. Love—Do Not Pass Judgment on your Brother (vv. 10-12)

A. Do not pass _____ or despise your brother (v. 10)
[1 Cor. 3:13-15]

B. Each of us will give an _____ before God (vv. 11-12)
[Isa. 45:23; 49:18; Phil. 2:10-11]

TAKE HOME

- Are you **welcoming** to others who have a completely different view on Christian liberties than you do?
- Are you **convinced** that what you are doing is right because of your feelings or based on principles in Scripture?
- Are you passing judgment on others or are you **anticipating** the day you will stand at the bema seat?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 14:1. How are we to treat the weaker brother? Now read 1 Corinthians 8:4-11. Describe the whole issue of meat sacrificed to idols. What can you learn from this and how can you apply it to your life today?

2. Read Romans 14:2. What is going on in this verse? Consider Romans 14:14 and Acts 10:13-15. How can we allow people to be different but still affirm them?

3. Read Romans 14:3-4. What are these verses saying? What does Jesus say about food in Matt. 15:11. Who is our judge? (Rom. 8:33-34)

4. Read Romans 14:5. Why were there different views of the days of worship? What is the correct view? Why does this matter? (Ex. 20:8-10; Jn. 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Gal. 4:9-11; Col. 2:16-17)

5. Read Romans 14:6. What is this verse saying? How do we honor God and give thanks while exercising our liberties? (1 Cor. 3:13-15)

6. Read Romans 14:7-9. What do these verses mean? Read 2 Corinthians 5:9-10. How do these verses say basically the same thing?

7. Read Romans 14:10-12. Explain these verses in your own words. How does 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 help us to see Christian liberties as fluff? What does verse 12 mean? How do we live in light of this accountability?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned?

“Our responsibility is not to judge, to despise, to criticize, or in any way to belittle our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will not be called on by our Lord to give an account of the sins and shortcomings of others, but rather each one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

- John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*