

## ROMANS—Part 83

Romans 14:1-12

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1. The kind of true diversity found in the church is often used by Satan to create division.
2. Paul was not speaking of doctrinal or moral compromise; rather, he wrote concerning the non-essentials.
3. 14:1 Weak Christians do not understand nor enjoy their freedoms in Jesus.
4. First principle: Accept a weak Christian not with the idea of engaging them in disputes about legalism.
5. 14:2 Example: Peter was still weak in some things while mature in others (Acts 10:13-16).
6. 14:2 In every church there are weak and strong believers. The weak must not condemn the strong and call them unspiritual. The strong must not look down on the weak and call them immature.
7. 14:2 Grace and the Gospel of Jesus is not about ceremonial functions, dietary restrictions, or legalism.
8. 14:3 The church of Jesus does not exist as a judiciary body to make pronouncements on issues of no real consequence.
9. Second principle: Maturing believers demonstrate mutual tolerance and do not despise or judge a family member in Christ.
10. 14:4 What is 'wrong for me' all too easily translates into what is 'wrong for everyone,' and we end up imposing personal convictions where God is silent on an issue.
11. 14:4 God is the Master, we are the servants. It is wrong for anyone to interfere or intrude on this relationship. Your success in walking with Jesus does not depend on the opinions or attitudes of other Christians.

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