**Romans 14: “7 Principles For Living With Christians In The Gray…**

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**#1) ACCEPT The One Whose Faith Is Weaker.**

***Accept*** *the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over* ***disputable matters****.****2****One person’s faith allows them to* ***eat anything****, but another, whose faith is* ***weak****,* ***eats only vegetables****.* Romans 14:1-2

**#2) God Accepts BOTH Legalistic And “Liberty” Christians.**

***3****The one who eats everything must* ***not treat with contempt****the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything* ***must not judge the one who does****, for God has accepted them.****4****Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.* Romans 14:3-4

**#3) Strive To Know Why You BELIEVE What You Do.**

***5****One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be* ***fully convinced*** *in their own mind.****6****Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.*Rom 14:5-9

**#4) Avoid JUDGMENTALISM – We Will All Give An Account To God.**

***10****You, then,* ***why do you judge*** *your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before* ***God’s judgment seat*** (bema)*.****11****It is written: “‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”* Romans 14:10-11

[See 2 Corinthians 5:10]

***12****So then,* ***each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. 13****Therefore let us* ***stop passing judgment****on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any* ***stumbling block or obstacle*** *in the way of a brother or sister.* Romans 14:12-13

Romans 5:6-8

**#5) No THING Is Unclean.**

***14****I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that* ***nothing is unclean in itself****. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.* Romans 14:14

***15****If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are* ***no longer acting in love****. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died.* Romans 14:15

*If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.* James 4:17

**#6) Pursue Peace And JOY As Foundation In Relationships.**

***16****Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil.****17****For the* ***kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking****, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,****18****because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.*

Romans 14:16-18

***19****Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to* ***peace and to mutual edification****.****20****Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.* Romans 14:19-20

***21****It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.* ***22****So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.* Romans 14:21-22

**#7) “Faith” Should Drive The “GRAY Areas” Of Life.**

***23****But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does* ***not come from faith is sin****.*

Romans 14:23

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