

13. **Reflection Questions:** Do I struggle more with despising others or passing judgment on others? What is my level of commitment toward a Christian who has little understanding of his liberties in Christ? Do I make sacrifices of my liberty for the good of others?

14. How can I *be devoted to prayer* on one another's behalf this week?

Quotes to Ponder

A believer's personal assessment of other believers does not in the least affect their standing before the Lord.

It takes only one extremist to damage an entire congregation. Throughout the ages, churches have been plagued by those who proudly consider themselves to be spiritually superior.

John MacArthur

If you are making the other person's acceptance ... depend on what he or she is doing, you are operating on the basis of salvation by works and are denying the gospel

James Montgomery Boice

How dare we reject a person whom God has accepted? Indeed, the best way to determine what our attitude to other people should be is to determine what God's attitude to them is. This principle is better even than the golden rule (to treat others as we would treat ourselves). It is safe to treat others as we would like them to treat us, but it is safer still to treat them as God does.

John Stott

Christians have differing opinions concerning these things, often differing over them in different parts of the world. It is in these differing opinions that the spiritual pride of believers is often manifested.

S. Lewis Johnson, Jr.

If we separate from those who differ from us on minor matters, we will soon be left all alone.

Steven Cole

There are many ways to kill a new Christian, but the easiest way, and the quickest, is through criticism and a lack of acceptance. Treat her as if she doesn't belong and pretty soon she'll get the hint and go somewhere else. Let him know that you consider him a rotten sinner and soon enough he'll begin to act like one.

Ray Pritchard

Where law has no guidance, love does.

Robert Deffinbaugh



Message #107: Food Fight

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Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. When Scripture is not explicit on an issue, how should we decide what is right and wrong (*Romans 13:8-10; 14:15-19*)?
3. When Christians disagree over matters of opinion, what should they do (*Romans 14:1-4*)?
 - The strong —

 - The weak —
4. What does it mean *to judge the servant of another* (*Romans 14:4*)? Does this rule out all judgment? Are we to cease making judgments completely? Explain.
5. If passing judgment should be left to God (*Romans 14:4*), why would Paul call for judgment to be made over people involved in divisiveness (*Titus 3:10-11*) and sexual immorality (*1 Corinthians 5*)?
6. Is Paul advocating for believers to accept and welcome any doctrinal belief? Explain.
7. Why is it so important that we properly define what it means *to judge* someone else? How does the world misunderstand the biblical meaning of this term?
8. Why do we normally judge others? What underlying attitude does judging spring from?
9. Should Christians avoid some foods because of some inherent uncleanness in them? What Scriptures back up your answer?
10. What do the following verses teach about the eating of food?
 - Mark 7:14-23* —

 - Acts 10:9-16* —

 - 1 Corinthians 8:6-7* —

 - 1 Corinthians 10:25-26, 31* —

 - Colossians 2:16-17* —

 - 1 Timothy 4:1-5* —
11. Read *Galatians 5:13*. We are free in Christ, but for what purpose does Paul say our freedom is to be used?
12. Why don't we need to worry about a believer's falling away (*Romans 14:4*)?
 - How secure is the believer in Christ? Cite some verses to support your answer.