



“Judging Non-essentials”

Romans 14:5-9

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Introduction

Principles regarding separation from things not commanded.

Regarding food v1-4. Regarding food v5-9

1. The principle of _____ in Christian sanctification. v5

1. The principle of faith directs the _____.

The Christian...

* ...Law of Love declares the _____. Rom 13:8-9

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled [the] law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**" [Rom 13:8-9]

* ...is to _____ in the essentials. 1 Cor 5:1-5

1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. 2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst. 3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, **have already judged him** who has so committed this, as though I were present. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 [I have decided] to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. [1Co 5:1-5 NASB95]

2. The principle of faith directs the _____ Gal 5:16

16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. [Gal 5:16]

The Christian...

* ...is to be fully convinced about _____ non-essentials. Jer 35:14

14 "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So **they do not drink [wine] to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command.** But I have spoken to you again and again; yet you have not listened to Me. [Jer 35:14 NASB95]

* ...conscience is _____ in the non-essential issues. v6

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. [Rom 14:6 NASB95]

* ...may observe or not observe special _____. Gal 4:9-10

9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? 10 **You observe days** and months and seasons and years. [Gal 4:9-10] >>> Works is the difference.

* ...may eat or not eat _____.

* ...may do either _____ and give thanks to God.

✱ ...gives _____ to God under Christ's lordship.

2. The necessity of _____ in Christian sanctification. v7

7 For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; [Rom 14:7 NASB95]

1. Christ's lordship determines our _____.

The Christian...

✱ ...does not _____ or _____ for himself.

✱ ..._____ or _____ for Christ's lordship. v8; 2 Cor 4:11

▶ 8 for if we live, we live *for the Lord*, or if we die, we die *for the Lord*; therefore whether we live or die, we are *the Lord's*. [Rom 14:8]

▶ 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death *for Jesus' sake*, so *that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh*. [2Co 4:11 NASB95]

▶ **Eric Liddell** presented a compelling model for how we should live, calling himself and others to an honest life & to self-sacrifice: "*Let us put ourselves before ourselves & look at ourselves. The bravest moment of a person's life is the moment when he looks at himself objectively without wincing, without complaining, [However] self-examination that does not result in action is dangerous. What am I going to do about what I see? The action called for is surrender -- of ourselves to God.*"

2. Christ's lordship is over either _____.

9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. [Rom 14:9 NASB95]

The Christian...

✱ ...who lives, his conscience knows Christian _____.

Stedman notes that Paul is "not talking about funerals, and life and death in that sense. He is talking about those who feel free to enjoy liberty to the fullest. They are living, while others, because of deep convictions of their own, limit themselves, and to that degree they are dying, because death is limitation... The important thing is that we belong to the Lord. He understands." That, therefore, is what we ought to remember in our relationships with one another. We belong to the Lord. We are brothers and sisters. We are not servants of each other. We are servants of the Lord and he has the right to change us." ([On Trying to Change Others - Romans 14:1-12](#))

✱ ...who dies, his conviction limits his flesh in death to _____.

✱ ..._____ is to be resolute, firm, decisive, courageous, and Joyful.

6 And *without faith it is impossible to please [Him]*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. [Heb 11:6 NASB95]

Main issues...

The personal issue of _____.

The Biblical definition of _____.

The fallacy of judging one another's _____.

The issue of _____ and men's _____.