

# DO NOT PASS JUDGMENT ON DISPUTABLE MATTERS

*Romans 14:1-12*

## I. Receive the More Immature Believer – vs. 1a, 3b, 10

*Proslambánō* – accept, receive, welcome

*Acts 28:2*

*Asthenéō* - to be weak, to be unable to, to be limited in

*Romans 15:7*

*1 Corinthians 8:11-12*

*Pístis* - conviction of the truth of anything, belief; Christian faith, belief in the Gospel

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

*Colossians 3:12-13*

*Ephesians 4:2-3*

*Adelphós* – brother, fellow believer

## II. Don't Pass Judgment Over Differing Opinions - vs. 1b, 3a, 4, 10

*Diákrisis* – debate, quarrel, dispute, argue, pass judgment

*Hebrews 5:14*

*Dialogismós* - the thinking of a man deliberating with himself; a thought, inward reasoning

*Romans 1:21*

*1 Corinthians 3:20*

*Exoutheneō* - despise, treat with contempt, look down on, ridicule

*Krínō* - to judge a person to be guilty and liable to punishment

### III. Doubtful Things, Such As...

#### a. Unholy Meat – vs. 2-3a, 6b

*Leviticus 11:1-12*

*Acts 10:15-16*

#### b. Special Days - vs. 5-6a

*Leviticus 23: (Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Firstfruits, Pentecost, Rosh Hashanah , Yom Kippur, Feast of Tabernacles) (Hanukah)*

*Colossians 2:16-17*

*Galatians 4:9-10*

### IV. Each One Must Be Fully Convinced In His Own Mind

*Plērophorēō* - to be completely certain of the truth of something; to be absolutely sure

*Romans 12:2*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*2 Corinthians 10:3-6*

“I cannot choose but adhere to the word of God, which has possession of my conscience; nor can I possibly, nor will I even make any recantation, since it is neither safe nor honest to act contrary to conscience! Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God! Amen.” - *Martin Luther*

### V. The Lord God Will Judge – vs. 7-12

*2 Corinthians 5:9-10*

*1 Corinthians 3:11-15*

**Closing Thought:** Actions that Christians take on matters of opinion that do not violate God’s commands, ought not to be met with church discipline or separation. As we mature in our faith, we will better understand how to live a life that glorifies God. Beloved, all Christians will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive rewards, and to watch some works burn up. Therefore we need not “judge and punish” saints for their immaturity, rather engage in discussions that drive us all toward lives that are fully pleasing to The Lord, convinced by His Word.