

## **Notes relating to Romans 14**

See also Matthew 7:1

### **Making judgments**

It is not wrong to make judgments based upon facts.

We need to make critical judgments everyday.

We understand danger; we must beware of taking unnecessary risks.

We know a person by his or her character; we can assess whether or not we should associate with him or her.

But we must be careful not to allow an opinion to become a barrier in helping others.

Criticism will push people away. But when the love of Christ motivates our actions we will seek to lift others.

### **Can we judge sin?**

Yes. Sin is destructive. If a person breaks the law they will suffer the consequences. We need to warn people of the destructive character of sin.

Jesus never condoned sin; but He called sinners to repentance.

Jesus did not condone adultery; but neither did He condemn the woman caught in the act of adultery. He told her to sin no more.

### **Is homosexuality wrong?**

Yes. This is not an opinion; it is what the Bible says.

We have no right to cast stones; but we can repeat the words of Jesus to the homosexual 'neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.'

### **In what sense should we never judge?**

The dictionary defines an opinion as 'a belief or judgment not founded on complete knowledge'.

We cannot judge a persons motive; we cannot judge the heart.

We should never form an opinion about others based upon here say.

### **We are accountable for our own actions.**

It is not our place to judge others but we must be careful to serve the Lord with our own life.

Romans 14:12 'So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.'