

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.'