

Romans 14:1-12

Do Not Judge Others

- ◆ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but do not argue with them about their personal opinions. Some people's faith allows them to eat anything, but the person who is weak in the faith eats only vegetables. The person who will eat anything is not to despise the one who doesn't; while the one who eats only vegetables is not to pass judgment on the one who will eat anything; for God has accepted that person. Who are you to judge the servants of someone else? It is their own Master who will decide whether they succeed or fail. And they will succeed, because the Lord is able to make them succeed. Some people think that a certain day is more important than other days, while others think that all days are the same. We each should firmly make up our own minds. Those who think highly of a certain day do so in honor of the Lord; those who will eat anything do so in honor of the Lord, because they give thanks to God for the food. Those who refuse to eat certain things do so in honor of the Lord, and they give thanks to God. We do not live for ourselves only, and we do not die for ourselves only. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For Christ died and rose to life in order to be the Lord of the living and of the dead. You then, who eat only vegetables—why do you pass judgment on others? And you who eat anything—why do you despise other believers? All of us will stand before God to be judged by him. For the scripture says, “As surely as I am the living God, says the Lord, everyone will kneel before me, and everyone will confess that I am God.” Every one of us, then, will have to give an account to God.
- ◆ These verses tell/show us how we're all different and how our level of faith is different. Hence, we should accept this fact that we're different and not judge others for being different. We should welcome those with weak faith and not argue their opinions, by so doing we enhance the kingdom of heaven (bringing more people to Christ) and with time their faith will grow strong.
- ◆ We can also decipher how faith is a driver of our actions. Some other peoples faith makes them eat anything whilst others faith only allow them to eat vegetables. Some others consider other days special and others consider all days equally special. These different people should embrace each others differences but not judge each other for being different. Only God can judge his people/creation/servants. It is God who will make people succeed or fail despite their differences. All that we do differently is done in honour of God, we've no right to judge anyone.
- ◆ We should not only live for ourselves but we should also live for the Lord, it is for the Lord that we live or we die. If we live for ourselves we do what our faith allows us and if we also live for the Lord we'll not judge others for doing what their faith allows them to do. This allows us to live in harmony with each other and please the Lord. At the end, we'll all kneel before the living God and give an account of our lives to him.