



1. We are not to quarrel, despise, pass judgment, or disassociate with fellow believers over differences of **OPINION** or matters of personal **CONVICTION**. (1 Corinthians 10:23-33; Ephesians 4:2; Titus 3:9-11; Proverbs 20:3; 2 Timothy 2:23; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:12)

2. Whoever God **WELCOMES** I should **WELCOME**. (Acts 10:13-15; Mark 7:18-19; Matthew 7:1-2, 15:11; 1 Timothy 4:3-5; Romans 15:5-9; Luke 9:48; John 13:20)

3. **WHATEVER I DO** (or refrain from) should be intentionally, directly, and actively done (or refrained from) to intentionally, directly, and actively **HONOR GOD**. (Colossians 3:23; Acts 17:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20, 10:31; Philippians 2:10-11; Isaiah 45:23; 1 Peter 2:12)

4. We must **RESOLVE** to do nothing that will cause a brother or sister to get **TRIPPED UP** in their walk with Christ or to be **BURDENED** unnecessarily. (1 Corinthians 8:9-13, 9:1-15; Galatians 5:13-15; Luke 17:2; 1 Corinthians 15:33)

5. Laying down my **RIGHTS**, **PRIVILEGES**, and **PREFERENCES** for the sake of others is a great way to honor God and build up others. (1 Corinthians 8:13, 9:1-23, 10:32; Luke 9:24; John 15:12-13; 1 John 3:16; Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 2:16)

6. If we are not convinced that what we are about to do does not miss God's mark, then **DON'T DO IT**. (Hebrews 11:6; James 4:17; 1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Corinthians 5:7)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What specific issues were causing division and stumbling in the Roman church? What kinds of issues cause division and stumbling today?
3. Why do more mature believers sometimes tend to 'look down' on newer or less seasoned believers? Why do they hold newer or less mature believers to a standard of one who has walked with Christ for many years? Reading through all of today's verses, make a list of what those who are more mature / strong in their faith should be doing (and not doing).
4. On a different note, when (if ever) should we exhort others and lovingly challenge them to a higher standard? (Support your answer with Scripture.)
5. Why is it so difficult to lay down our rights, privileges, preferences, and opinions and so easy to insist upon them and push them on others? Why is the former necessary in living out our faith? Why is the latter so destructive?
6. Give some examples of 'reeling in' my freedoms in order to not cause a brother or sister to stumble.
7. When it comes to living by our convictions, how do we balance being *fully convinced in our own mind* (verse 5) with not *quarreling with, despising, or judging* (verses 1, 3, 4) a brother or sister?
8. In what ways can we practice / live out verse 19?