

## **“Considerations of Conscience”**

Text: Romans 14:1-4

Scripture reading: Matthew 7:1-12

### **I. Introduction: A foundation for caring**

### **II. Convictions on consumption – vv. 1-4**

A) To accept or not to accept? – vs. 1

B) To eat or not to eat? -vv. 2-3 (I Cor. 8:8; Matt. 15:11)

### C) To judge or not to judge – vs. 4

For personal meditation...

- 1) What are some matters of personal conscience you have had to work through, or with those of other believers close to you? Does this text challenge you to change? How?
- 2) Verses 2-3 shows examples of an immature conviction, and of a mature conviction. What are some immature convictions you once had that later you changed due to maturity in Christ? What influenced that change?
- 3) How does Paul's example of master/servant in vs. 4 cause you to see the opinions of others differently?

**Conclusion:** A baptism of obedience – Matt. 28:18-20

*“The wrong of ‘censorious judgment’ is rebuked by the reminder that if God has received a person into the bond of His love and fellowship and if the conduct in question is no bar to God’s acceptance, it is iniquity for us to condemn that which God approves. By doing so we presume to be holier than God.”* John Murray; Professor of Systematic Theology