

Righteous Living
Navigating Differences with Grace
Romans 14: 1-10

Day 1: Accepting One Another in Christ

Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Devotional:

As we begin this journey, let's reflect on Paul's call to accept one another, regardless of our differences in faith. In a world quick to judge and divide, Christ calls us to unity. Consider how you might be prone to judge others based on non-essential matters of faith. Ask God to soften your heart and open your eyes to see others as He sees them - beloved children worthy of acceptance and love. Today, make a conscious effort to extend grace to someone whose beliefs or practices differ from yours, remembering that God has accepted them just as He has accepted you.

Day 2: Living for the Lord

Reading: Romans 14:7-9, Galatians 2:20

Devotional:

Paul reminds us that whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. This profound truth should shape every aspect of our lives. Reflect on areas where you might be living for yourself rather than for Christ. Are there ambitions, habits, or relationships that need to be surrendered to Him? Remember, true freedom comes when we die to ourselves and allow Christ to live through us. Today, identify one area of your life you can intentionally dedicate to living for the Lord. Ask Him for the strength to let go of self and embrace His will fully.

Day 3: The Judgment Seat of Christ

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:9-10, Romans 14:10-12

Devotional:

The reality that we will all stand before God's judgment seat can be sobering, but for believers, it's also an opportunity for reward. This truth should motivate us to live with eternity in mind. Consider how your daily choices align with God's will. Are you building with gold, silver, and precious stones, or with wood, hay, and straw (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)? Today, examine your motivations and actions. Ask God to reveal areas where you need to realign your priorities with His eternal perspective. Choose one specific way you can invest in eternity today.

Day 4: Unity in Diversity

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional:

The body of Christ is beautifully diverse, yet unified in essential truths. Reflect on how God has uniquely gifted you and others in your faith community. How can you celebrate these

differences while maintaining unity? Consider reaching out to a fellow believer who has a different spiritual gift or perspective than you. Seek to understand and appreciate their contribution to the body. Pray for a heart that values unity over uniformity, and ask God to show you how you can foster greater unity in your church and relationships today.

Day 5: Growing from Weak to Strong Faith

Reading: Romans 14:1-3, Hebrews 5:12-14

Devotional:

We all start our faith journey as "weak" believers, but God desires for us to grow and mature. Reflect on your own faith journey - where have you seen growth, and where do you still feel weak? Remember, growth often comes through challenges and stretching experiences. Is there an area of your faith life where you've been complacent? Today, take a step of faith in that area. It might be sharing your faith with someone, tackling a difficult passage of Scripture, or addressing a sin you've been avoiding. Ask God for the courage to step out in faith, trusting Him to strengthen you as you grow.