



CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A BROKEN WORLD

A Call To Grace-filled Convictions

Romans 14:1-23

1. What a conviction looks like - Romans 14:14

- A. A belief studied to conclusion
- B. Not an opinion based on a verse or two

2. Why we need convictions - Romans 14:1-5

- A. We are all weak in faith
- B. We don't agree on what is right
- C. We judge others by our opinion and standards
- D. We forget who is the other person's Master
- E. We forget who is our Master

3. How we should use convictions - Romans 14:6-9

- A. To guide us to living for the Lord
- B. Not to judge or evaluate others

3. The problems with convictions - Romans 14:10-13

- A. We are better at using them on others than on ourselves
- B. Overview of judging in the Bible
- C. New Testament Instructions

Luke 6:37

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.

Romans 2:1

Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgement, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself for you who judge practice the same things.

Romans 14:1

Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

Romans 14:3

The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted Him.

Romans 14:4

Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:10

But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.

Romans 14:13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this - not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

James 4:11

Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.

James 4:12

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

4. The need for grace with our convictions - Romans 14:10-13

- A. Accept - Romans 14:1
- B. Don't pass judgement - Romans 14:1, 3, 4, 10, 13
- C. Pursue Peace - Romans 14:19
- D. Walk in love - Romans 14:15, 20-21
- E. Keep your eyes on your own walk with God - Romans 14:22



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