

INVERSION

Relationship: the way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected, or the state of **being connected**. The way in which two or more people or organizations regard and **behave toward each other**.

Inversion: a situation in which something is **changed so that it is the opposite** of what it was before, or in which something is turned upside down.

ROMANS 14:1-9

Live to Honor the Lord in My Relationships

Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and **don't argue** with them about what they think is right or wrong. 2 For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. 3 Those who feel free to eat anything **must not look down** on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods **must not condemn** those who do, for God has accepted them. 4 **Who are you to condemn someone else's servants?** Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval.

5 In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. 6 Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God. 7 For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. 8 **If we live, it's to honor the Lord.** And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, **we belong to the Lord.** 9 Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

ROMANS 14:10-19

Live as One Who Will Be Held Accountable

10 So **why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer?** Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For the Scriptures say,

“As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bend to me,
and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.’”

12 **Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.** 13 **So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.**

14 I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong. 15 And if another believer is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in love if you eat it. Don't let your eating ruin someone for whom Christ died. 16 Then you will not be criticized for doing something you believe is good. 17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, **but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.** 18 If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, **and others will approve of you, too.** 19 So then, let us aim for **harmony in the church and try to build each other up.**

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