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¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.

ROMANS 14:1-2

³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

ROMANS 14:3

⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

ROMANS 14:4-5



⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

ROMANS 14:6-7

⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

ROMANS 14:8-9



¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

ROMANS 14:10-11



¹² So then each of us will give an account
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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,²⁷ we²⁸ have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access into this grace in which we stand, and we boast of our hope of glory. And not only so, but we also boast of our sufferings, because we know that our sufferings end in glory.²⁹ For if we have endured the sufferings of Christ, we will also share his glory, because God will not allow us to be tempted more than we can endure. But because of his love for us, Christ died for us to redeem us from all iniquity, to purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good deeds.

For if while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, how much more will he die for us now that we are righteous and live in his glory? For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that⁹ while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore,¹⁰ we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies¹¹ we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men¹³ because

Christ abounded for many.¹⁴ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following the trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁵ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through one man Jesus Christ.¹⁶ Wherefore, as one trespass brought condemnation for all men, so one gift of righteousness brought justification and life for all men by the one man Jesus Christ. If by the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many will be made righteous.¹⁷ Nor should we conclude that the law increased the trespass, but by the law the trespass increased, so that, as sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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order that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has been set free from sin, is free from sin. Now with Christ, we believe that we will never die from the dead, will never die no longer has dominion over death he died he died to sin, the life he lives he lives to God. We must consider ourselves alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹³Let not sin therefore reign in your body, to make you obey its passions. Present your members as slaves to righteousness, not to sin, for unrighteousness, but present to God as those who have been made alive to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness, so that sin will have no dominion over you, as you are under law but under grace.

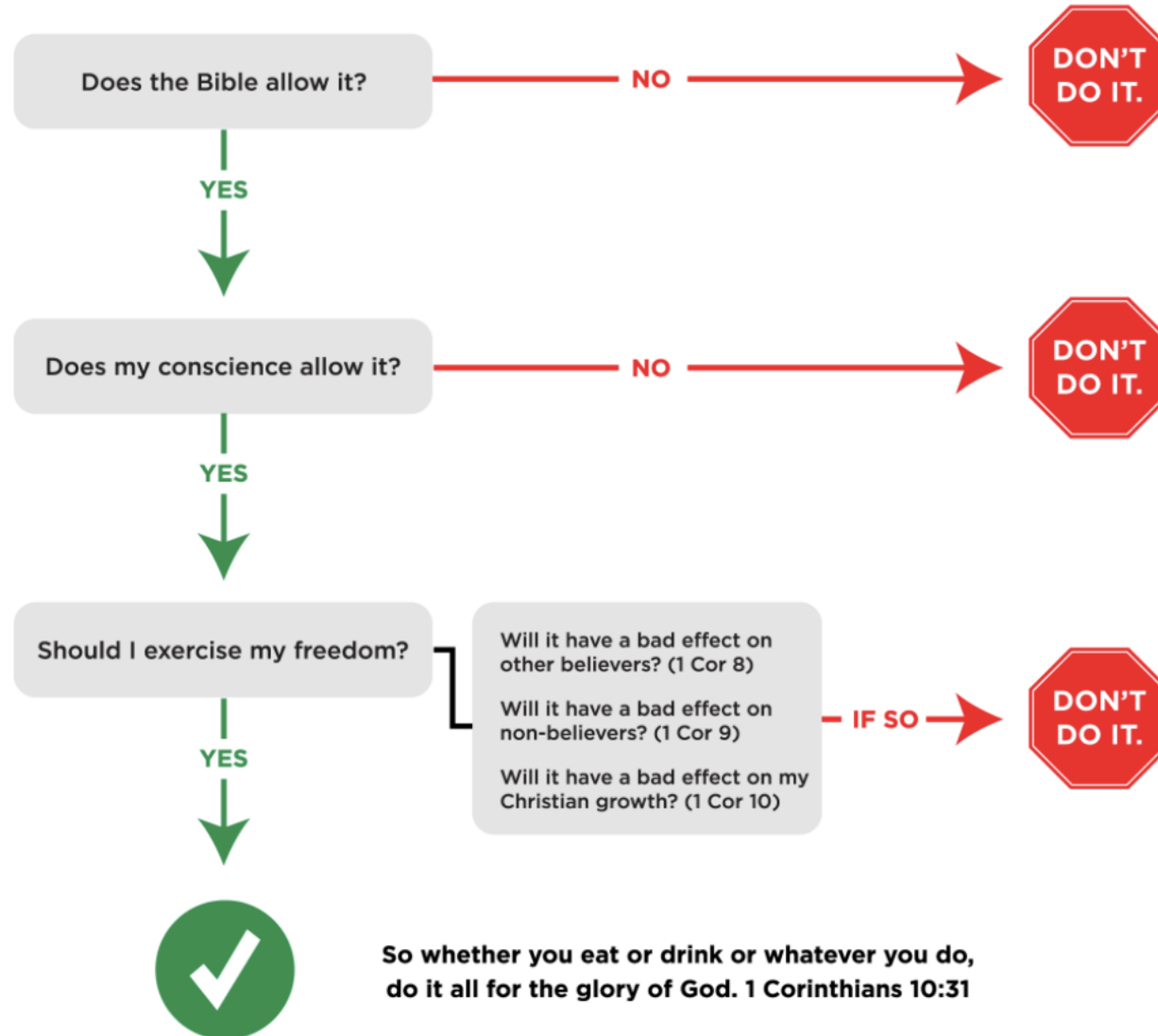
Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁴What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that you yourselves are slaves to the one whom you obey, whether you are slaves of sin, which leads to death, or of righteousness, which leads to life? You have been made slaves to righteousness, be to God, that you who were slaves to sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been made slaves of righteousness, you have become slaves of God. I am speaking in human terms, your natural limitations. For you presented your members as slaves to lawlessness leading to death, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, so that you will obtain eternal life.

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Christian Decision-making



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- 4. Do not put a stumbling block in
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- *Are we welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed us?*
- *Is my personal decision making honoring to Christ and loving my neighbor?*
- *Is my conscience bound exclusively by the authority of God's Word?*
- *Are there matters of Christian conscience that I'm guilty of judging my fellow Christians of that I need to repent?*

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