

Love

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⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast; it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude; it is not self-seeking; it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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Accept other believers who are weak in faith...

~ Romans 14:1

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee,
and the other was a despised tax collector.

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: “I
thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else.
For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery.
I’m certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a
week, and I give you a tenth of my income.”

~ Luke 18:10-12

But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, “O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.” I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

~ Luke 18:13-14

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- I. People are at different LEVELS OF MATURITY.
- II. We're all required by God to live according to our CONVICTIONS.

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.

~ Romans 14:5

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- III. It's not our job to **JUDGE**.

Each of us will give a personal account to God.
So let's stop condemning each other.

~ Romans 14:12-13

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- II. We're all required by God to live according to our CONVICTIONS.
- III. It's not our job to JUDGE.
- IV. When we start bickering over our differences, the REAL POINT of Christianity is missed.

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. If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too. So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

~ Romans 14:17-19

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