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Romans 14:1-12

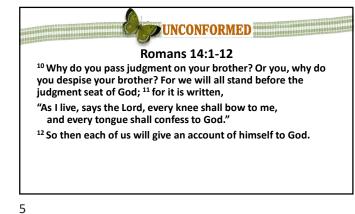
As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 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.

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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. 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. 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.

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Transform Your Fellowship Regarding Debatable Matters (verses 1-3)

- Don't pick fights with other Christians
- Welcome those less mature it might be you!
- Compete in showing honor rather than being more "correct" about fine details of theology or practice
- Don't let disagreements turn into contempt or condemnation!

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Don't Condemn Fellow Christians Over These Matters (verses 4-5 and 10-12) • Don't pass judgment (=condemning them as unsaved) • We belong to Jesus and He will be our judge • Since you don't have authority to condemn another believer over a debatable matter, don't try!

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In These Matters, Do What You Do for God's Glory

- Your heart attitude is what matters to Christ!
- Study, pray, think, discuss then decide and live by your convictions for the glory of Lord Jesus
- Have the humility to love and respect those who decide differently in debatable matters