

Principles of Conscience

14:1 NOW ^aaccept the one who is ^bweak in faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions. 2 ^aOne man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is ^bweak eats vegetables *only*. 3 Let not him who eats ^aregard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat ^bjudge him who eats, for God has ^caccepted him. 4 ^aWho are you to judge the ¹servant of another? To his own ²master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand. 5 ^aOne man ¹regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each man be ^bfully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, ¹does so for the Lord, for he ^agives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. 7 For not one of us ^alives for himself, and not one dies for himself; 8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore ^awhether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end ^aChrist died and lived *again*, that He might be ^bLord both of the dead and of the living. 10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you ^aregard your brother with contempt? For ^bwe shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written,

“^aAS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, ^bEVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME,
AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL ¹GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.”

12 So then ^aeach one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Therefore let us not ^ajudge one another anymore, but rather determine this—^bnot to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. 14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that ^anothing is unclean in itself; but to him who ^bthinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer ^awalking according to love. ^bDo not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore ^ado not let what is for you a good thing be ¹spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God ^ais not eating and drinking, but righteousness and ^bpeace and ^bjoy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who in this *way* ^aserves Christ is ^bacceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then ¹let us ^apursue the things which make for peace and the ^bbuilding up of one another. 20 ^aDo not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. ^bAll things indeed are clean, but ^cthey are evil for the man who eats ¹and gives offense. 21 ^aIt is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or *to do anything* by which your brother stumbles. 22 The faith which you have, have ¹as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who ^adoes not condemn himself in what he approves. 23 But ^ahe who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *his eating is* not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

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^a Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15; 14:3; 15:7

^b Rom. 14:2; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff.; 9:22

^a Rom. 14:14

^b Rom. 14:1; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8:9ff.; 9:22

^a Luke 18:9; Rom. 14:10

^b Rom. 14:10, 13; Col. 2:16

^c Acts 28:2; Rom. 11:15; 14:1; 15:7

^a Rom. 9:20; James 4:12

¹ Or, *house-servant*

² Lit., *lord*

^a Gal. 4:10

¹ Lit., *judges*

^b Luke 1:1; Rom. 4:21; 14:23

¹ Lit., *eats*

^a Matt. 14:19; 15:36; 1 Cor. 10:30; 1 Tim. 4:3f.

^a Rom. 8:38f.; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20f.

^a Luke 20:38; Phil. 1:20; 1 Thess. 5:10; Rev. 14:13

^a Rev. 1:18; 2:8

^b Matt. 28:18; John 12:24; Phil. 2:11; 1 Thess. 5:10

^a Luke 18:9; Rom. 14:3

^b Rom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10

^a Is. 45:23

^b Phil. 2:10f.

¹ Or, *confess*

^a Matt. 12:36; 16:27; 1 Pet. 4:5

^a Matt. 7:1; Rom. 14:3

^b 1 Cor. 8:13

^a Acts 10:15; Rom. 14:2, 20

^b 1 Cor. 8:7

^a Eph. 5:2

^b Rom. 14:20; 1 Cor. 8:11

^a 1 Cor. 10:30; Titus 2:5

¹ Lit., *blasphemed*

^a 1 Cor. 8:8

^b Rom. 15:13; Gal. 5:22

^b Rom. 15:13; Gal. 5:22

^a Rom. 16:18

^b 2 Cor. 8:21; Phil. 4:8; 1 Pet. 2:12

¹ Many ancient mss. read Or, *we pursue*

^a Ps. 34:14; Rom. 12:18; 1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Tim. 2:22; Heb. 12:14

^b Rom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 10:23; 14:3f., 26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 29

^a Rom. 14:15

^b Acts 10:15; Rom. 14:2, 14

^c 1 Cor. 8:9-12

¹ Lit., *with offense*

^a 1 Cor. 8:13

¹ Lit., *according to yourself*

^a 1 John 3:21

^a Rom. 14:5

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.