

REGARDING YOUR BROTHER



“Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.”

Rom. 15:5-7



Will it drag me down?

“...let us lay aside every encumbrance...”

Heb. 12:1

Will it help me?

“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable...” 1 Cor. 6:12

Will I get addicted?

“...All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.” 1 Cor. 6:12b

Will it open doors with the unsaved?

“To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.” 1 Cor. 9:22

Will it glorify God?

“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31

Is it of faith?

“The faith with you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.” Romans 14:22-23

How will it impact others?

“But take care lest this liberty of your somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.” 1 Cor. 8:9

“And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.” vs.12

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Behold, I, Paul say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.” Gal. 5:1-2

**WHY SHOULD I BE UNITED WITH BROTHERS
AND SISTERS WHO HAVE OPINIONS DIFFERENT
THAN MINE?**

1. BECAUSE GOD ACCEPTS THEM. vs. 1-3

“Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions. One man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only.” vs. 1-2



“Let not him who eats regard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him.” vs. 3

“But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.” Acts 6:3

2. BECAUSE I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO JUDGE. Vs. 4

**“Who are you to judge the servant of another?
To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will,
for the Lord is able to make him stand.” vs. 4**



“When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had handed down, they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice.” 1 Kings 3:28

3. BECAUSE JESUS IS TO BE LORD OF ALL.

Vs. 5-9

“One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind.” vs. 5



“He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.”

vs. 6

“For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.” Vs. 7-9

4. BECAUSE MY DAY OF JUDGMENT IS COMING.

“But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.” vs. 10



“For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.” Vs. 10-12

“Do not judge lest you be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged...” Matt. 7:1-2

APPLICATION FOR ME:

**“...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields,
that they are white for harvest.” John 4:35**

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