

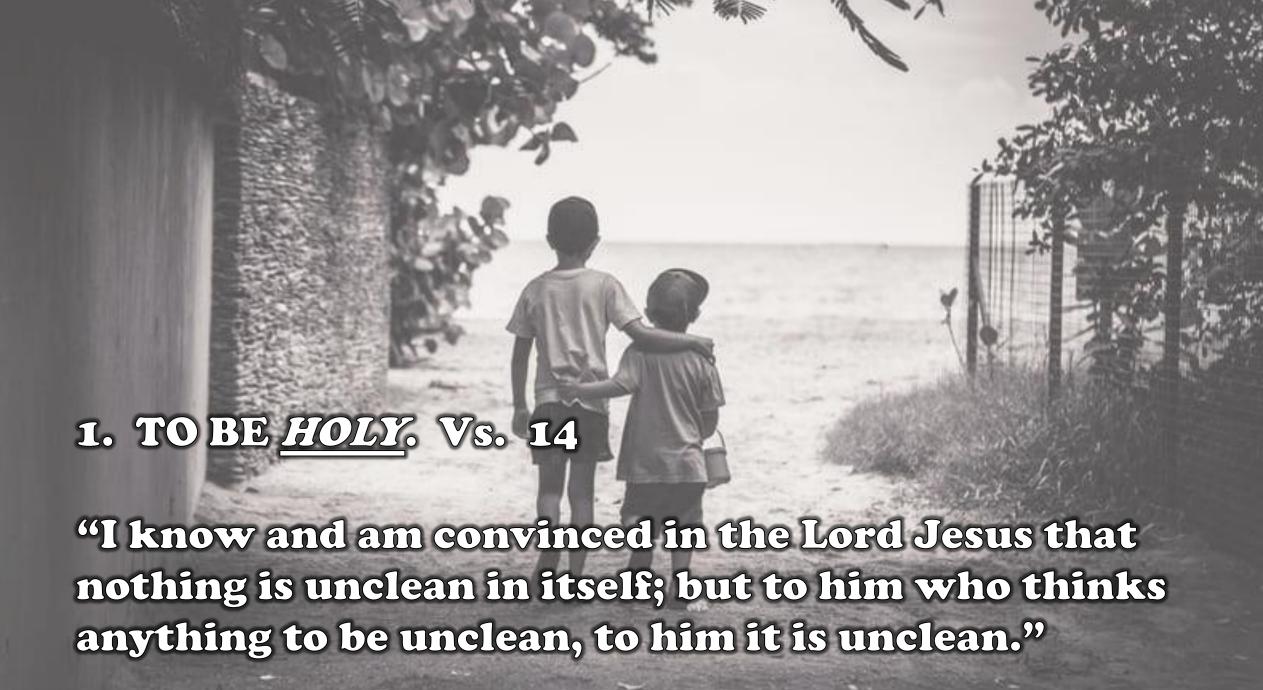
"As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide." 1 Cor. 4:3-4 (NLT)

"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men." Acts 24:16

"Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way." vs. 13

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in." Matt. 23:13

WE SHOULD WE NO LONGER JUDGE OTHERS BUT JUDGE OURSELVES BECAUSE WE WERE MADE:



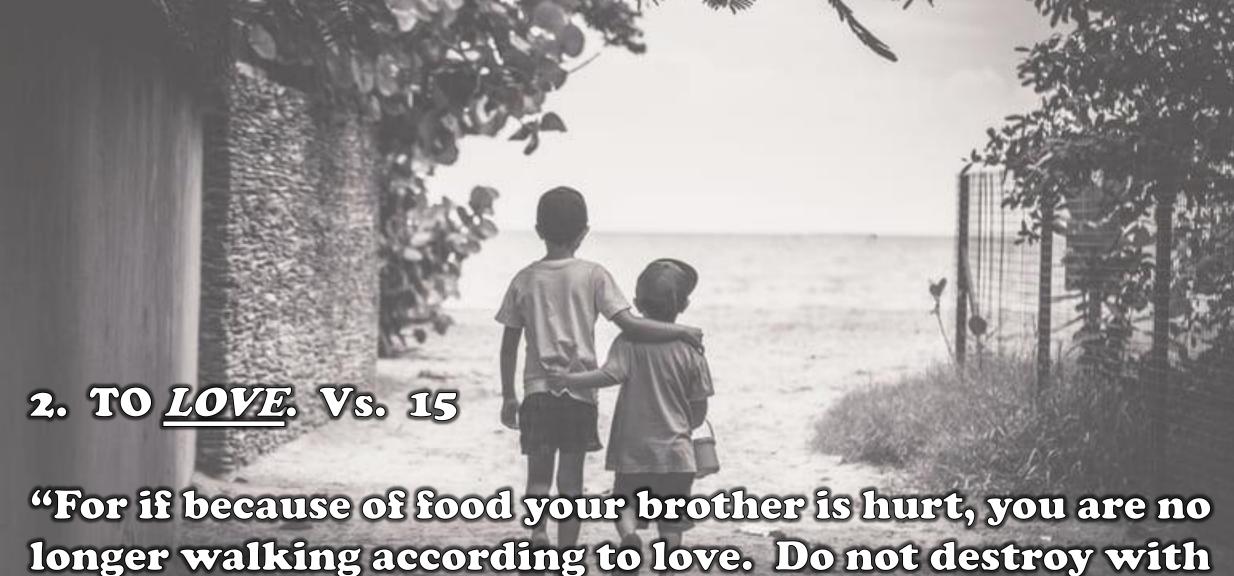
"So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God." 1 Cor. 8:4 (NLT)

"However, not all believers know this. Some are accustomed to thinking of idols as being real, so when they eat food that has been offered to idols, they think of it as the worship of real gods, and their weak consciences are violated. It's true that we can't win God's approval by what we eat. We don't lose anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do." 1 Cor. 8:7-8 (NLT)

"For when the Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law...they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them."

Rom. 2:14-15

"Men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods, which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude." 1 Tim. 4:4



longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died."

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." Rom. 12:9-10

"We are most like the Lord when we love each other."

3. FOR THE KINGDOM. Vs. 16-17

"Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

"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

APPLICATION FOR ME:

"For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men." vs. 18

