

The Strong Believer and the Weak Believer: Questionable Functions and Behaviour – Christian Liberty Romans 14:01–09

1. *Accept the weak brother*

- a. Without arguing,
without criticizing
- b. The reason:
There is a difference
in the conduct of believers,
differences not spelled out
by Scripture

1 Accept him whose faith is weak,
without passing judgment
on disputable matters.

2 One man's faith allows him
to eat everything,
but another man,
whose faith is weak,
eats only vegetables.

2. *Do not look down on or judge (criticize) others*

- a. God has accepted the strong
- b. No person has the right
to judge the Lord's servant
- c. God will hold up His servant

3 The man who eats everything
must not look down on him who does not,
and the man who does not eat everything
must not condemn the man who does,
for God has accepted him.

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant?
To his own master he stands or falls.
And he will stand,
for the Lord is able to make him stand.

3. *Be fully convinced of right and wrong behaviour*

- a. In your own mind,
not violating your conscience:
Be careful to do no wrong
- b. A man is to live as he sees
and understands God's will

5 One man considers one day
more sacred than another;
another man considers every day alike.
Each one should be fully convinced
in his own mind.

6 He who regards one day as special,
does so to the Lord.
He who eats meat, eats to the Lord,
for he gives thanks to God;
and he who abstains,
does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

4. *Watch out — watch what you do*

- a. You are under
the watchful eye of Christ

7 For none of us lives to himself alone
and none of us dies to himself alone.

<p>b. You belong to Christ — in life and death</p> <p>c. You have been purchased by the Lord's death and resurrection</p>	<p>8 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.</p> <p>9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.</p>
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