

Help Others  
Romans 15:1-13

Review

Romans 14:1-12: When believers have different convictions, customs, and habits which affect how they live for God (i.e., their Christian life, discipleship), genuine acceptance of one another is God's will, not judging one another. The God who has saved, is saving, and will save both of us is our Judge.

Romans 14:13-23: Good becomes bad when we fail to practice the "*Don't-Do Rule*."

*Don't* hinder the walk of faith of another believer  
by use of your Christian liberty in a doubtful area.  
*Do* work for mutual edification.

Instead of judging one another in these areas, believers should please God by applying the principle of love to limit their liberty not doing anything that causes others to stumble rather than building them up. Do only what your faith permits.

Introduction

A. When in doubt, follow the example of Jesus: help the weaker believer instead of pleasing self. Romans 15:1-13

1. As Jesus glorified God by not pleasing self,  
so should believers (1-6)  
a. Bear with

b. Not to please self

2. As Jesus gave up his rights to accept us,  
so should we to accept other believers (7-13)

a. v. 7, y o u (plural)

b. v. 8, promises made to the patriarchs

c. vs. 9-12, Gentiles too

1) v. 9, 2 Samuel 22:50 (Psalm 18:49)

2) v. 10, Deuteronomy 32:43

3) v. 11, Psalm 117:1

4) v. 12, Isaiah 11:10

d. Genuine hope that fills us with joy and peace leaves  
no room for quarrels between the weak and the  
strong

Conclusion