

Romans 14:1-15:7 Study Guide

From *A Graceful Uprising* Study Guide

Key Concepts

- We must not have contempt for Christians who take a more restrictive approach toward a matter of opinion.
- We must not judge Christians who take a more permissive approach toward a matter of opinion.
- Christian liberty in matters of opinion must be protected in both directions: the freedom to partake and the freedom to abstain.
- We must be careful in the use of our freedoms and look out for each other's spiritual well-being.

Explore the Text

1. Paul says that the weak Christian is the one who takes a more conservative, restrictive approach in matters of opinion (14:2b). How does this challenge your understanding of one who is weak in their faith?
2. We seem to have a tendency to judge one another over matters of opinion (14:4). Why is that? What is the real issue behind such behavior?
3. Rather than simply exercising our freedoms, we must look out for those who are weak (15:1). When in your life have you decided not to exercise your freedom in Christ because you were concerned about another Christian's faith?
4. Freedom in Christ and unity of believers are both important concepts explored in this section. Would you ever be willing to abandon one for the sake of the other?

Transform Your Life

1. Do you tend to have more of a judgmental attitude toward abstainers or partakers?
2. What is a topic that you have strong convictions about that you are also willing to admit is a matter of opinion? How do you treat others who see the topic differently?
3. How might you exercise more grace toward Christians with whom you disagree?
4. Think of a Christian that you tend to pass judgment upon. How will you extend grace to that person this week?

