



ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION


Searching for a Christian Lifestyle

Romans 14:1-12



THE ISSUE OF ACCEPTANCE

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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. 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.

1. The issue of acceptance

The guideline


The basis

The reason for failure

The corrective




THE ROLE OF CONVICTION VV. 5-8



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

1. Personal conviction
2. A practical commitment to consecration
3. The ultimate desire: Glorification of Christ



THE NEED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

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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. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

¹¹ It is written:

“ ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will confess to God.’ ”



¹² So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

To whom are we accountable?

What are we accountable for?

What we should not forget.

Accountability is inevitable (1 Corinthians 4:5)

TO GO

- Do you live the way that you live because of personal preference or out of a desire to glorify God?
- How does your lifestyle bring glory to God?
- Are there people in your life that you have given permission to question you regarding lifestyle issues?
- Are you willing to “allow God to be as original with the next person as he has been with you?”