

Careful With Inappropriate Judging
Romans 14: 1-13

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A hand pointing towards the Earth from space. The background shows a view of the Earth from space, with a bright blue and white horizon line. A hand is visible in the upper right corner, pointing towards the center of the image. The text is overlaid on a dark blue, semi-transparent rectangular area.

שָׁלוֹם

God Gives Us His Shalom

Contentment, wellbeing, completeness, welfare, wholeness, being well, favor, friend, great, good health, perfect, safe, happy, friendly, welfare, health, prosperity, peace, rest, and safety.

Verse 1 - 2

Careful with inappropriate judging–
Receive the one who is weak

We are to receive the weak one; every Church has the gamut of weak and strong Christians

Truth be known, we are all weak; it just depends on the situation we are placed in

Christian unity over gray areas is the goal; not sin issues, but gray issues!

Both strong and weak are making improper judgments resulting in an offended moment

With offense comes withdrawal; when this occurs, you have just taken the *“bait of Satan”*

We are told emphatically how to deal with these issues, *“not to dispute over doubtful things”*

Strong believer, weak believer, *have a little GRACE!*

Verse 3 - 4

**Careful with inappropriate judging -
*Another's servants***

CAUTION! Strong believer, don't despise the weaker brother

CAUTION! Weak believer, don't judge the stronger brother

“Who are you to judge another's servant?”

The strong one is a servant and the weak one is a servant;
both are subject to their Lord!

It is God who judges His servant properly, not a fellow servant judging a fellow servant

It is not in my purview to judge another servant in gray areas – ***that's GOD'S JOB!***

Verse 5 - 9

Careful with inappropriate judging –
Controversial areas

“One person esteems one day above another”

Esteems = “*krino*” = make a distinction, pass a sentence

Saturday Sabbath worshippers view Sunday worshippers as *WRONG!*

Sunday worshippers view Saturday worshippers as *WRONG or weird!*

The point is clear:

“Let each be fully convinced in his own mind”

Gray areas are between you and God!

*“If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die,
we die to the Lord.”*

We live for Him moment by moment!

**We die to Him moment by moment, to my will, my
desires and my ways – [Luke 9: 23-24](#)**

Verse 10 - 12

Careful with inappropriate judging -
We will all stand before Jesus!

Every believer, strong and weak, will stand before the judgment seat of Christ

Yes, believers will be judged - *not for our sins (that has already occurred on the cross)*

We will be judged for our works done after salvation -

Romans 14: 10

1 Corinthians 3: 13-14

2 Corinthians 5: 10

What are our works?

Things we have done for Christ, for His honor, His glory, not self-glory!

We have an appointed time - *“we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ”* - 2 Corinthians 5: 10

The unbeliever's fate is different; *they will be judged for their sins and found guilty*

This is the Great White Throne Judgment – Revelation 20: 11-15

The books will be opened, and a record of their lives will be reviewed

One book is the Book of Life

Those not found in the Book of Life, their eternal destiny is the Lake of Fire, forever cast from the presence of God, forever in torment

Verse 13

Careful with inappropriate judging -
Don't cause another to stumble!

WARNING:

“ . . . not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.”

This is addressed to the strong and weak Christian

Careful with inappropriate judging or condemning in the gray areas

GOD IS THE JUDGE!

HE ALONE KNOWS!

CLOSING THOUGHTS: *Careful With Inappropriate Judging*

The world often says: *“See , you can never judge, all judging is wrong”*

Is this correct?

NO!

If something is not in line with the Word, we are expected to make a judgment!



Believers are to judge, *but judge righteously*, according to Scripture, not according to self

Proverbs 31: 9

1 Corinthians 2: 15

John 7: 24

*While we are here, be careful how you judge;
but, by all means, make righteous JUDGMENTS!*

BY ALL MEANS, HAVE A LITTLE GRACE!

GRACE GOES ALONG WAY!