

UNLEASHING PEACE

LIVING IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER

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How do I live at peace with others in a world designed for division?

1. Focus _____, not _____

Accept the one whose faith is weak, **without quarreling** over **disputable matters**. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must **not treat with contempt** the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must **not judge** the one who does, for **God has accepted them**. Romans 14:1-3 NIV

2. Realize _____, not _____

Who are you to judge someone else's servant? **To their own master, they stand or fall**. And **they will stand**, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Romans 14:4

3. Assume _____, not _____

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be **fully convinced in their own mind**. Whoever regards one day as special **does so to the Lord**. Whoever eats meat **does so to the Lord**, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains **does so to the Lord** and gives thanks to God. Romans 14:5-6

4. See _____, not _____

Therefore let us **stop passing judgment** on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any **stumbling block or obstacle** in the way of a brother or sister... If your brother or sister is **distressed** because of what you eat, **you are no longer acting in love**. Do not by your eating **destroy** someone for whom Christ died... For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of **righteousness, peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:13,15-17

5. Be _____, not _____

If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too. Let us therefore make **every effort** to do what leads to **peace** and to **mutual edification**. Romans 14:18-19 NLT/NIV

So whatever you believe about these things, **keep it between yourself and God**. Romans 14:22a

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 14:1-4 and review the notes. Which of the points is hardest for you? Why?
2. Read John 17:23. What did Jesus say would happen when believers live in unity? Is that happening now? Why not?
3. Is there a person or a group you tend to judge—or even view with contempt? Is there a “disputable matter” that you tend to treat like a primary issue? Has it ever caused a problem in a relationship? What does Romans 14:22 advise? How can you apply this practically in your own life?

LIFE AT TLC

THIS WEEKEND

Twin Lakes Kids Volunteer Picnic 8/11, after the 11AM Service

• Kids Ministry Team members, stop by the front lawn for a free lunch and thank you gift! All are welcome to come learn more about being a part of this fun team.

NEXT WEEKEND

HUB Worship Album Release Party 9/16, 7PM @ Loft Coffee

• The Hub is our weekly gathering for College and Young Adults and their worship team recorded a brand new album. Come celebrate!

Connect Expo 9/17 & 18

• Looking for a place to serve? Check out our ministry tables after each service!

IN TWO WEEKS

New Fall Series “You’ll Get Through This!” Starts 9/24 & 25

• Signup to join or lead small groups: tlc.org/smallgroups

Women’s Fall Connect Event 9/24, 9AM @ TLC

• Simulcast featuring Priscilla Shirer! More info at tlc.org/women

Baby Dedications 9/24 & 25

• Info at tlc.org/baby

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- Caolo Zamorano Gospel Music Concert 10/7
- New Spanish Church Service 10/23
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