

# Judging Believers

## Romans 14:1-12

Some Things in life are Crystal Clear!

Other Areas of life that are NOT So Clear.

Today, Paul Helps us to know How to Deal with that brother or sister in Christ who has a Different Opinion than Ours.

Notice these Instructions about “Judging Believers.”

1. **WE ARE TO AVOID FOOLISH JUDGMENT** (vv. 1-4)
  - We're Commanded To **RECOGNIZE** Our Christian Brother. (v.2)
  - We're Cautioned To **RECEIVE** Our Christian Brother. (v.1)
  - We're Challenged To **RESPECT** Our Christian Brother
    - 1.) We Are To **Respect** Our Brother's **PRINCIPLES**. (v.3)
    - 2.) We Are To **Respect** Our Brother's **POSITION**. (v.4)
  
2. **WE ARE TO ASPIRE TO FAITHFUL JUDGMENT** (vv. 5-9)
  - We Are To Faithfully Judge In The **Matter Of CONVICTIONS**. (v.5)
  - We Are To Faithfully Judge In The **Matter Of COMMITMENT**. (v.6)
  - We Are To Faithfully Judge In The **Matter Of CONSEQUENCES** (vv. 7-9)
    - 1.) There Are Consequences in the **EARTHLY** Realm.  
(v.7; Mark 9:42; 1 Cor. 8:9-13; 1 Cor. 10:23-24; Phil. 2:3-4)
    - 2.) There Are Consequences in the **ETERNAL** Realm. (vv. 8-9)
  
3. **WE ARE TO ANTICIPATE FUTURE JUDGMENT** (vv. 10-12)
  - Future Judgment Is **RESTRICTED HERE**. (v.10a)
  - Maybe we ***need to Keep*** our ***self-righteous Judgments*** to ***Ourselves!***
  - Future Judgment Is **RENDERED THERE**. (vv.10b-12)
  - When **Accounts** are **Settled**...we will either be **Blessed** or will **Suffer** the **Loss of Reward**...(1 Cor. 3:10-15)
  
  - ***May God help us to Focus on US living the right kind of life before the Lord.***  
(Phil. 2:12-13)