

ROMANS 12-13

LOVE RULES

Let's Be Considerate

CORE VALUE

**Bible-Centered,
Generously Orthodox**

Romans 14:10

**You, then, why do you
judge your brother or
sister? Or why do you
treat them with
contempt?**

Romans 14:1

**...quarreling over
disputable matters**

1st ORDER MATTERS

**Essential for
salvation**

2nd ORDER MATTERS

**Important to the faith
and the church, not
essential for salvation**

3rd ORDER MATTERS

Preferences, personal convictions, biblically unclear theological issues or minor issues

Romans 14:5

**One person considers
one day more sacred than
another; another
considers every day alike.**

Romans 14:2

One person's faith allows them to eat anything but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:14

I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself.

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**“All Christians
ought to...”**

Romans 14:1

**Accept the one whose
faith is weak**

Romans 15:7

**Accept one another, then,
just as Christ accepted
you, in order to bring
praise to God.**

ACCEPT:

**To welcome others
into your heart and
home.**

**4 Practices of
WELCOMING
CHURCHES**

PRACTICE #1

**Welcoming Churches
make room for
personal conscience.**

Romans 14:5

**...Each of them should
be fully convinced in
their own mind.**

“Our conscience is a part of our God-given internal faculties, a critical inner awareness that bears witness to the norms and values we recognize when determining right or wrong.”

-Joe Carter

Romans 14:14

I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

Romans 14:23

But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

**In essentials, unity; in
nonessentials, liberty;
in all things, charity.**

-St. Augustine

PRACTICE #2

**Welcoming Churches
embrace the free and
the sensitive.**

Romans 14:13

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.

Romans 15:1

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

PRACTICE #2

**Welcoming Churches
embrace the free and
the sensitive.**

PRACTICE #3

**Welcoming Churches
lovingly challenge the
conscience.**

Romans 14:10

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

PRACTICE #4

**Welcoming Churches
prioritize love over
freedom.**

Romans 14:19

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Romans 14:20

Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble.

Romans 14:21

It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.



Romans 15:5

**May the God who gives
endurance and
encouragement give you the
same attitude of
mind toward each other that
Christ Jesus had,**

Romans 15:6

**so that with one mind and
one voice you may
glorify the God and Father of
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