



*“Do Unto Others”*

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*Transformed Relationships  
in Romans 14*



# Romans 14

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- I. Consideration Mutual Permission  
Romans 14:1-12
  
- II. Consideration Mutual  
**Edification**  
Romans 14:13-23



# Principles of Christian Living

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## **Must-have; non-negotiable for Church:**

to strengthen the body of Christ on earth

1. Concern for others' spiritual condition (13)
2. Concern for others' spiritual **standards** (14)
3. Concern for others' spiritual **growth** (15)



# Another's Spiritual *Standards*

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1. Genesis 1:31 "All...very good"
2. What makes it "not good?"
3. Attitude & Use makes it "not good"
4. Mark 7:14-23 "problem is **HEART**"
5. Authority of Christ, not Paul
6. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21
7. **RADICAL** thought for Paul; a Jew!



# Acts 10: “It’s all good!”

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10:15 “Unclean now clean”

10:12 Israel’s dietary restrictions

**Separation**, protection, witness

10:28 “Come together; right now!”

OT – Witness by separation

NT – Witness by unity



# Example of Cornelius

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Acts 10:22

RADICAL! Gentiles & Jews

*Cornelius the Gentile:*

**Acts 10:1, 2, 7, 22, 24, 25**

Clean/Unclean, Foods, = **People** (10:34-35)



# Connected to Romans 14

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God Unites, Man Divides!

Acts 10:44-48

What can **YOU** do to promote unity &  
harmony & peace?

Are you a peacemaker or a troublemaker?



# Concern for Others' *Growth*

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Romans 14:15  
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I can hurt another by  
behavior & attitude

- a. He sees me doing something he thinks is sinful, or
- b. I lead him to violate his conscience



“...for whom Christ died...”

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My attitude & behavior can  
counteract God's work  
in the life of another

Am I enhancing spiritual growth  
in others, or hindering it?

# Preserving Personal

## **Testimony**

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1. It is important. (16)
2. The Kingdom is **spiritual** (17)
3. The **sovereignty** of Christ at stake.  
(18)



# *Abstinence* May Be A Good Idea

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Romans 14:19-21

Sometimes it is beneficial and  
promotes unity and spiritual  
growth to abstain from  
something I am allowed to do.



# Your *Conscience* as Your *Guide*

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1. The Holy Spirit is **NOT** your conscience
  - a. Every person has a conscience
  - b. Conscience responds to standard
  - c. Romans 2:15; 9:1; 13:5; 2  
Corinthians 4:2; 1 Timothy 4:2;  
Hebrews 9:14; 10:22; 1 Peter 3:21



# Your Conscience as Your Guide

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14:22 To the strong; don't flaunt your freedom; keep it private

14:23 To the weak; obey your own convictions/conscience; don't enforce it on others; grow in the Word of God to guide your conscience.



# Conclusion

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How we treat each other at  
Norwalk Grace Brethren Church  
sends a message to the world.

What is the message we are sending?



# What God Expects

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1. What is my attitude towards others in my church?
2. Do I have any relationships that need restored or improved?
3. How am I helping another grow spiritually?