

# Practical Christian Living

## Romans 14: 1-4

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**Introduction:** As we move more deeply into the subject of divisions within the church between matters of faith and regulations for living, Paul brings up the subject of judgment and contempt. He gives several examples that illustrate his point.

### I. Background

#### A. Meat

1. Often sacrificed to idols
2. Sold in the market by pagans

#### B. Herbs - Vegetables

1. Herbs were anything you might grow in a garden
2. Functional vegetarians

### II. Faith Applications

- A. The one who is strong in the faith understands the principle that all things are good to the one who receives them with thanksgiving
- B. The one who is weak in the faith lives in fear of breaking the law and so eliminates the risk by becoming a vegetarian

### III. The Particular Temptation of Each Group

- A. The one who has grown in knowledge and understanding is inclined to regard the weaker believer with contempt – to look down upon them with arrogance
- B. The one who is weak in the faith is inclined to be judgmental, believing everyone should follow his rules or believe as he does – even wondering if those who don't are even Christians
- C. Each one stands or falls to his own Master – and stand he will because God is able to make him stand
- D. Day vs Day – each one must be fully persuaded in his own mind
  1. One regards one day above another, another regards each day alike (no Sabbath)
  2. No one lives for himself and no one dies for himself – we all live for God

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