

Romans 14:10-23 • What, Why & How

Goal is to love God and as a result we love one another. Do not get hung up on the specific examples Paul uses, but see the principle he is promoting.

There is what we do. There is why (motive) we do what we do. But, how do we, with the right motives, do what we should do?

Romans 7:15 For I do not understand my own **actions**. For I do not do what I **want**, but I do the very thing I hate.

Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the **desire to do what is right**, but **not the ability to carry it out**.

Romans 7:6 But now we are **released from the law**, having died to that which held us captive, so that we **serve in the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.

Galatians 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

1John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God **but that he loved us** and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1John 4:16 So we have **come to know** and to **believe the love that God has for us**. **God is love**, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1John 4:18 There is **no fear in love**, but perfect love casts out fear. **For fear has to do with punishment**, and whoever fears has not been **perfected in love**.

1John 4:19 **We love because he first loved us.**

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the **mercies of God**, to **present your bodies** as a living **sacrifice, holy** and **acceptable** to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything, **except to love each other**, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 14:1 As for the one who is **weak in faith**, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

Romans 14:2 One person believes he may eat **anything**, while the **weak** person eats **only** vegetables.

Romans 14:3 Let not the one who eats **despise** the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains **pass judgment** on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

Romans 14:4 Who are you to **pass judgment** on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he **stands** or **falls**. And **he will be upheld**, for **the Lord is able to make him stand**.

Romans 14:5 One person esteems **one day as better** than another, while another esteems **all days alike**. Each one should be **fully convinced in his own mind**.

Romans 14:6 The one who **observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord.**
The one who eats, **eats in honor of the Lord,** since **he gives thanks to God,** while
the one who abstains, abstains in **honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.**

Romans 14:7 For **none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.**

Romans 14:8 For if we live, **we live to the Lord,** and if we die, **we die to the Lord.** So then, whether we live or whether we die, **we are the Lord's.**

Romans 14:9 For to this end **Christ died and lived again,** that he might be **Lord both of the dead and of the living.**

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that **he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion** at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:9 And it is **my prayer** that **your love may abound** more and more,
with **knowledge** and all **discernment,**

Philippians 1:20 as it is my eager **expectation** and **hope** that I will not be at all
ashamed, but that with **full courage** now as always **Christ will be honored in my body,** whether by **life** or by **death.**

Philippians 1:21 For to me **to live is Christ,** and **to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:22 **If I am to live** in the flesh, **that means fruitful labor** for me. **Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.**

Philippians 1:23 I am hard pressed between the two. **My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.**

Philippians 1:24 **But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.**

Philippians 1:25 Convinced of this, I know that **I will remain** and continue with
you all, **for your progress and joy in the faith,**

Romans 14:10 Why do you **pass judgment** on your brother? Or you, why do you **despise** your brother? For we will **all stand** before the **judgment seat of God**;

Romans 14:11 for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

Romans 14:12 So then each of us will give an **account of himself to God**.

Romans 14:13 **Therefore** let us not **pass judgment** on one another any longer, **but rather decide (judge)** never to put a **stumbling block** or **hindrance** in the way of a brother.

Romans 14:14 **I know** and am **persuaded in the Lord Jesus** that **nothing is unclean in itself**, but it is unclean for anyone **who thinks** it unclean.

Romans 14:15 For if your brother is **grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love**. By what you eat, **do not destroy the one for whom Christ died**.

Romans 14:16 So do not let what you regard as good **be spoken of as evil**.

Romans 14:17 For the **kingdom of God is** not a matter of eating and drinking but **of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**.

Romans 14:18 Whoever thus serves Christ is **acceptable to God** and **approved by men**.

Romans 14:19 So then let us **pursue what makes for peace** and for **mutual upbuilding**.

Romans 14:20 **Do not**, for the sake of food, **destroy the work of God**. **Everything is indeed clean**, but **it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble** by what he eats.

Romans 14:21 It is good **not to** eat meat or drink wine or **do anything that causes your brother to stumble**.

Romans 14:22 The **faith that you have, keep between yourself and God**. Blessed is the one who has **no reason to pass judgment on himself** for what **he approves**.

Romans 14:23 But **whoever has doubts is condemned** if he eats, because the eating is **not from faith**. For **whatever does not proceed from faith is sin**

2Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because **your faith is growing** abundantly, and the **love of every one of you for one another is increasing**.

1Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” **This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up**.

1Corinthians 8:2 If anyone **imagines** that he knows something, **he does not yet know as he ought to know**.

1Corinthians 8:3 But if anyone **loves God, he is known by God**.

1Corinthians 8:4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, **we know that “an idol has no real existence,”** and that **“there is no God but one.”**

1Corinthians 8:5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—

1Corinthians 8:6 yet **for us there is one God**, the Father, from whom are all things and **for whom we exist**, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through **whom are all things and through whom we exist**.

1Corinthians 8:7 However, **not all possess this knowledge**. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their **conscience, being weak, is defiled**.

1Corinthians 8:8 Food **will not commend us to God**. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

1Corinthians 8:9 But **take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.**

1Corinthians 8:10 For if anyone **sees you who have knowledge** eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his **conscience is weak**, to eat food offered to idols?

1Corinthians 8:11 And so by your **knowledge this weak person is destroyed**, the brother for whom Christ died.

1Corinthians 8:12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and **wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.**

1Corinthians 8:13 Therefore, **if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.**

Paul's prayer -

“that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **so that** Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and **grounded in love**, may have **strength to comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and **to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God.**”