WHAT WE BELIEVE & HOW WE BEHAVE—33

"What Difference Does All This Make In My Life?"—Romans 12:1—15:33

"It Makes A Difference in the 'Grey Areas.'"

Romans 13:1-14

Introduction:_____

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I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW WE ARE TO *AVOID* FOOLISH JUDGMENT (Romans 14:1-4).

A. First, we are commanded to *recognize* the weaker brother (14:2).

A. Secondly, we are called to *receive* the weaker brother (14:2).

B. Thirdly, we are challenged to *respect* the weaker brother (14:3-4).

1. First, we must respect their *principles* (14:3).

2. Secondly, we must respect their *position* (14:4).

APPLICATION:

1. **First, start out with *acceptance* (14:1).**
2. **Secondly, simply refuse to *argue* (14:2).**
3. **Thirdly, seriously adjust your *attitude* (14:3).**
4. **Fourthly, stop and remember your *authority* (14:4).**

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW WE ARE TO *AIM* FOR FAITHFUL JUDGMENT (Romans 14:5-9).

A. First, note how we are to aim in the matter of *conscience* (14:5).

Today, there are three kinds of convictions:

1. First, there are *peer* convictions.
2. Secondly, there are *parental* convictions.
3. Thirdly, there are *personal* convictions derived straight from the Bible!

B. Secondly, consider our aim in the matter of *consecration* (14:6).

In a sermon on making decisions, I outlined the message in the following way:

1. **In making decisions, we must remind ourselves about the *clear* warnings of the Bible (1 John 2:15-17).**
2. **In making decisions, we must remember the *character* we are building (1 Corinthians 3:10).**
3. **In making decisions, we must be *concerned* for God's glory (Colossians 3:17).**
4. **In making decisions, we must *consider* others (1 Corinthians 8:13).**

C. Thirdly, note our aim should focus on the _____ (14:7-9).

1. First, look at the consequences in the _____ realm (14:7).

2. Secondly, examine the consequence sin the _____ realm (14:8-9).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW WE ARE TO _____ FUTURE JUDGMENT (14:10-12).

A. First, consider how judgment is _____ here (14:10a).

Are their areas where we are to judge? YES! Note four of them:

1. First, we are to judge _____ sinners (1 Corinthians 5:1-4).

2. Secondly, we are to judge _____ teachers (Romans 16:17).

3. Thirdly, we are to judge _____ trends (1 Corinthians 2:15).

4. Fourthly, we are to judge our own _____ (1 Corinthians 11:31-32).

B. Secondly, consider how judgment is _____ there (14:10c-12).

1. First consider two facts the judgment is _____.

   a. First, it is not a place where your future is _____.

   b. Secondly, is it not a place where your forgiveness will be _____.

2. Secondly, consider four facts about the judgment:

   a. First, there is a great, divine smelting _____ (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

   b. Secondly, there is what our modern world would call a supernatural __-_____ machine (1 Corinthians 4:5).

   c. Thirdly, Paul reveals that the Judgment Seat of Christ will be a time of _____ (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

   d. Fourthly, Paul shows that at the Judge Seat of Christ, there will be a performance _____ (2 Corinthians 5:10).