

Lesson 46 "Weak or Strong?"

Romans 14:1-12

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Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Paul quotes a common statement of the time. What attitude is behind that statement? What is Paul's response to that? Knowing that your bodies are part of Christ, how should that impact your behavior? Why should we flee from sexual immorality especially?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. How should we eat or drink?

Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-13. What issue is Paul addressing here? What consideration should we take before acting? What is Paul's conclusion in verse 13?

Read Galatians 5:13-15. Again, what are we called to? How should we *not* act toward each other?

Read Galatians 6:2-4. What do we do that fulfills the law of Christ? Whose "work" should we test?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2. Who are we to imitate? How are we to walk? What does that look like?

As you spend time with God today, thank God that He is the one to enable you to stand and ask Him to continue to prod you with His Holy Spirit to guide and direct your paths as He sanctifies you. Ask Him to help you to desire to grow and mature and praise Him when He does act to help you grow....even when it is painful. Consider what "opinions" and "preferences" you have that you may have elevated above Scripture? Is there a brother or sister whom you have hurt because of this? Ask God to help you to discern what is judgment of a brother or sister and what is "fruit checking". Ask Him to forgive your elevation of your own preferences above His word, and to seek the forgiveness of your brothers and sisters if you have sinned against them in this way.