

Title | Don't Judge One Another

Series | The Other One Anothers

Text | Romans 14:13

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Romans 14:1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 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. 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. 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. 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. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 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. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. 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; 11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ESV

# Big Idea:

Romans 14:13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer . . . ESV

Sermon Notes

# For Reflection and Application:

#### **Monday:**

Read Romans 14:1-13. In verse 13, when Paul says, "Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer," who is he addressing? Is this a blanket prohibition against all judging? Why or why not?

#### **Tuesday:**

Reread Romans 14:1-13. In first-century Rome, the hot-button issues included food and holy days. What are some of the hot-button issues in the church today?

#### Wednesday:

Read Romans 14:13 and Galatians 6:1. How are we to reconcile these two verses on the issue of judging?

#### Thursday:

According to the last part of Romans 14:13, what are the possible consequences of needlessly judging others on non-essential issues? Can you think of some examples that you have experienced?

## Friday:

In what specific ways can you grow in being less judgmental?

## **Daily Prayer:**

Lord, help me to not judge others on matters that are disputable or non-essential. Help me instead to reflect the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.