

LIVING DAILY IN GOD'S FAMILY

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

Romans 13:8-10 (NIV)

1. Be willing to welcome others with DIFFERENT VIEWS.

*Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do.*

Romans 14:1a (MSG)

2. Don't start arguments over SECONDARY MATTERS.

*And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.*

Romans 14:1b (MSG)

3. Don't think so highly of yourself that you LOOK DOWN on others.

*Those who think it is all right to eat anything must not look down on those who won't. And those who won't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to condemn God's servants? They are responsible to the Lord, so let him tell them whether they are right or wrong. The Lord's power will help them do as they should.*

Romans 14:3-4 (NLT)

4. Make sure to do what you think is RIGHT as God LEADS YOU.

*In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. Each person should have a personal conviction about this matter.*

Romans 14:5 (NLT)

5. Choose to ASSUME the BEST about other people.

*Those who have a special day for worshiping the Lord are trying to honor him. Those who eat all kinds of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who won't eat everything also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.*

Romans 14:6 (NLT)

*Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.*

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

6. Always consider other people's CONVICTIONS against your own.

*Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way... <sup>14</sup>As one who is in the*

*Lord Jesus, I am fully convinced that no food is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for him it is unclean. <sup>15</sup>If your brother is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy your brother for whom Christ died.*

Romans 14:13-15 (NIV)

7. In all matters always be willing to HELP and ENCOURAGE each other.

So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up. <sup>20</sup>Don't tear apart the work of God over what you eat. Remember, there is nothing wrong with these things in themselves. But it is wrong to eat anything if it makes another person stumble.

Romans 14:19-20 (NLT)

8. Above all else, the first commandment is that we always ACT in LOVE toward others.

*When you sit down to a meal, your primary concern should not be to feed your own face but to share the life of Jesus. So be sensitive and courteous to the others who are eating. Don't eat or say or do things that might interfere with the free exchange of love.*

Romans 14:21 (MSG)