

CULTIVATE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

(When Christians Disagree)

Message 4 – June 28, 2020

Romans 14, NKJV

THE PRINCIPLE OF LIBERTY – ROMANS 14:1-12, NKJV

WE SHOULD RECEIVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE – **The Lord Receives Each Believer** (14:1-3, NKJV)

WE SHOULD RECEIVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE – **The Lord Sustains Each Believer** (14:4, NKJV)

WE SHOULD RECEIVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE – **The Lord Is Sovereign Over Each Believer** (14:5-9, NKJV)

WE SHOULD RECEIVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE – **The Lord Alone Will Judge Over Each Believer** (14:10-12, NKJV)

THE PRINCIPLE OF LOVE – ROMANS 14:13-23, NKJV

WE SHOULD EDIFY (BUILD UP EACH OTHER IN LOVE) EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF INFLUENCE (14:13-15, NKJV)

WE SHOULD EDIFY (BUILD UP EACH OTHER IN LOVE) EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF PRIORITIES (14:16-18, NKJV)

WE SHOULD EDIFY (BUILD UP EACH OTHER IN LOVE) EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF HELPING EACH OTHER GROW (14:19-21, NKJV)

¹⁹Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another. ²⁰Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for the man who eats with offense. ²¹*It is* good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

WE SHOULD EDIFY (BUILD UP EACH OTHER IN LOVE) EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF NOT FORCING OUR OPINIONS ON OTHERS (14:22-23, NKJV)

²² Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Happy *is* he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. ²³ But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin.

LIBERTY – It exists in proportion to wholesome restraining.

CONSCIENCE – Small boy's definition of conscience: "Something that makes you tell your mother before your sister does."

OPINION – Often the fellow who hits the nail right on the head is driving it in the wrong direction.

LOVE – It sacrifices all things to bless the person it loves.

ENCOURAGEMENT – It is like peanut butter on bread. If you spread it around, it just helps things stick together better.

GROW – Every youth who is ambitious to grow to the full stature of noble manhood must make up his mind at the start that he has got to be bigger than the things that are trying to bring him down. If he doesn't, he will go down with them.

NLC's verse for 2020

²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*