

Living by Someone Else's Rules

Romans 14:1-23

Romans: Encountering the Gospel's Power - John Stott

Theme:

Believers are to live together in harmony without quarreling over non-essentials because the Kingdom of God supersedes our opinions.

Purpose:

Paul writes to **encourage** believers to subordinate their personal convictions on non-essential issues in order to **welcome** and **love** fellow believers well...

Aim:

...so that we will **examine** our own opinions regarding non-essentials of the faith and **repent** of valuing them higher than they deserve, imposing them on others, or ever causing a fellow believer to stumble in her spiritual growth because we advanced our personal convictions over the gospel.

Shape:

- I. Believers welcome one another without quarreling (14:1-12)
- II. Believers fellowship together without hindering (14:13-23)