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## **THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2:** **Our Struggle to Live Right in a Wrong World pt1**

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**14** As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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

### **Am I Spiritual Mature? v1a**

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." **Galatians 2:20, ESV**

Spiritual Maturity Is Not Based on How Long I Have Been a Christian, But on  
How Much of Me I Have Given to Christ

Spiritual Maturity Is a Maturation Process of  
2 Parts Behavior and 3 Parts Attitude

### **What's My Attitude? v1b**

It Doesn't Matter If I Am Right If in My Behavior  
Causes Harm to Someone Else

### **How Do I Judge Others? v3-4**

How Does One Sinner Judge the Sin in Another Person?

### **What Does the Bible Say About Judging?**

#### **Hypocritical Judging**

“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.” *Matthew 7:1–5, NLT*

“And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” *John 8:7, ESV*

### **Redemptive Judging**

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.” *Galatians 6:1, NLT*

The Key Characteristics of Redemptive Judging are  
Mercy and Humility

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that ‘every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses,’ as the scripture says. <sup>17</sup>And if he will not listen to them, then tell the whole thing to the church. Finally, if he will not listen to the church, treat him as though he were a pagan or a tax collector.”

“But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.” *1 Corinthians 5:11–13, ESV*

Stay away from ... *2 Thessalonians 3:6; 2 Timothy 3:5*  
Don’t invite into your homes or encourage ... *2 John 10*

“you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.” *1 Corinthians 5:5, ESV*

**Each Believer is Christ’s Possession** *v4b*

Of All the Voices I Listen To, I Must Put God’s Voice First

**I Am More Mature Than I Was, But I Am Not as Mature**

**as I Will Be** *v4d*

What Matters Is How I Am Seeking and Submitting to  
The Lordship of Christ In Everything in Each Day