

"WEAK" and "STRONG" Christians

Everyone would like to consider themselves strong in the faith, but reality teaches us the opposite. How does this passage compare and contrast these two groups and what are they commanded to do?

"THE WEAK" are burdened by _____.

"THE STRONG" grasp that _____ is _____.

"THE WEAK and STRONG" both aim to _____.

"THE WEAK and STRONG" will be at the same _____.

"THE WEAK" shouldn't _____ those

with _____ boundaries.

"THE STRONG" shouldn't _____ those

with _____ boundaries.

Refuse to DESTROY God's KINGDOM

Why did Paul dedicate an entire chapter to the importance of harmony within the church? Because the world is watching and how they view Christians will either lead them to God or away from God.

The world resents _____,

but notices righteousness, _____ and _____.

Keep "_____ " between God and you.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Would your best friends describe you as a weak or strong Christian? Do you have any rules in your faith that, if you are honest with yourself, don't really matter? Have you ever argued over rules that pushed people away from Christianity?

Digging Deeper

How can you discern between your right to do anything and yet giving up that right for the sake of others (1 Corinthians 8:1-13; 10:23-33; Colossians 2:16-17)? What are some modern examples of when it is good for you to give up your rights?

Read Mark 7:1-23. Why does Jesus warn us about holding onto human traditions instead of following God's commands? Discuss how God is more concerned about what comes out of your heart than what goes into your mouth.

Applying the Word to Life

Is the Holy Spirit trying to tell you to give up certain rules that are not working well for your faith? How can you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

How can you show patience to those who have a conscience that is easily wrecked? How can you be more loving to those who live within such tiny boundaries of their faith?

How well do you keep "your rules" to yourself? Whenever you find yourself wanting to confront someone about breaking one of "your rules", what can you do in order to release that desire to control someone else and give them to God?

Mediate on Romans 14:17. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with joy and peace and to clothe you in righteousness. Are you seeking God's kingdom and righteousness (Matthew 6:33)?