

**Romans
One to
Eleven**

Doctrine

12:1-2

Application

**Romans
12:3-15:13**

Outline of Romans

I. Doctrine of Salvation (1-8)

II. Correlation (9-11)

III. Evidence of Salvation (12-16) — Practical

Doctrinal

A. God's Righteousness Grasped and Expressed in His People's Lives (12:1-15:13)

⇒ 1. In the Response of Consecration (12:1-2)

⇒ 2. In the Ministry of the Body of Christ (12:3-21)

a. Spiritual Gifts (12:3-8)

b. Love to Fellow Christians (12:9-13)

c. Toward Unbelievers (12:14-21)

-Submission

⇒ 3. In Realities of Political and Social Life (13)

-Love

-Holiness

⇒ 4. In the Fellowship of Weak and Strong (14:1-15:13)

Romans 14:1

"Doubtful disputations" or
"Disputes over doubtful things (or, matters)"

adiaphora, adiaphorous

"a" not, no

"dia" (duo) two

"phora" carry

Not differing, indifferent, neutral, immaterial.

In medicine, this term has been used to mean
"Having no effect, doing neither harm nor good, as
an adiaphorous medicine, a placebo."

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The Law of Liberty

PRINCIPLES FROM ROMANS 14:1-12

1. The strong in Christ must receive (welcome) the weak (but not to disputes over doubtful matters). v. 1


2. The strong must not despise the weak. v. 3

3. The weak must not judge the strong. v. 3

4. Each one must be fully convinced in his own mind. v. 5b

5. We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. v. 10

Each of us shall give an account of himself to God. v. 12




God has received him.

The Law of Love: Use of Liberty

Principles from Romans 14:13-23

1. The law of love is to be followed;
Christian liberty must not be used to harm
a brother for whom Christ died. :13-15

2. Christian liberty must not be used in such
a way as to bring reproach on the
faith. :16

③ The Christian faith does not consist of
physical entities such as food and drink,
 but of righteousness and peace and joy
in the Holy Spirit. :17-18

4. Christians should pursue that which
produces peace and building up
other Christians. :19

The Law of Love: Use of Liberty (continued)

5. It is wrong to make others fall by the use of things indifferent in themselves ([adiaphora](#)), such as meat or wine. :20-21

6. Though the strong are free to use things which God has not pronounced sinful, they should not encourage the weak to use them against their conscience, for whatever does not come from faith is sin. :22-23

Conscience

- We must not perform what our conscience prohibits.
(If conscience tells you 'don't do it,' don't do it.)

* Conscience must be educated by the WORD of GOD. *
- We must not trust our conscience to prompt us to do right.
(Not a reliable positive guide.)