

**Stark Road Gospel Hall
Bi-Monthly Bible Reading
November 17, 2018**

ROMANS 14:1 – 15:7

LIVING RIGHTEOUSLY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

A. Living without Judging other Christians (14:1-12)

How should I treat other believers with different convictions?

- * Exhortation to overlook differences of opinions (vs 1)
- * Example of differing convictions – eating meats (vs 2)
- * Importance of mutual respect between believers (vs 3)
- * Every believer is a servant of the Lord (vs 4)
- * Importance of developing personal convictions (vs 5)
- * Differing actions may have similar motives (vs 6)
- * Lordship of Christ has claims on every area of our lives (vs 7-9)
- * Every believer will give an account to God (vs 10-12)

B. Living without Stumbling other Christians (14:13-23)

What impact do my actions have on other believers?

- * Commitment not to hinder other believers (vs 13)
- * Recognizing that not all believers are fully informed (vs 14)
- * Exercising our rights without regard for others may destroy another believer (vs 15)
- * Don't use your rights in a way that causes others to speak evil of what is good (vs 16)
- * Focus on the important matters of God's kingdom – "don't major in the minors" (vs 17)
- * Focusing on core issues brings approval from both God and men (vs 18)
- * Pursue peace and seek the prosperity of others (vs 19)
- * Don't let your freedom in secondary things hinder the work of God (vs 20-21)
- * Exercise your freedom before God (vs 22)
- * Importance of acting in faith (vs 23)

C. Living in Harmony with other Christians (15:1-7)

How can I promote harmony in the Assembly?

- Bearing with the failings of the weak (vs 1a)
- Seeking the blessing of others rather than pleasing ourselves (vs 1b-2)
- The self-sacrificing example of Christ (vs 3-4)
- Seeking God's empowerment to live in harmony (vs 5)
- Recognizing the mutual goal of unitedly glorifying God (vs 6)
- Receiving others in the same way Christ received us (vs 7)