

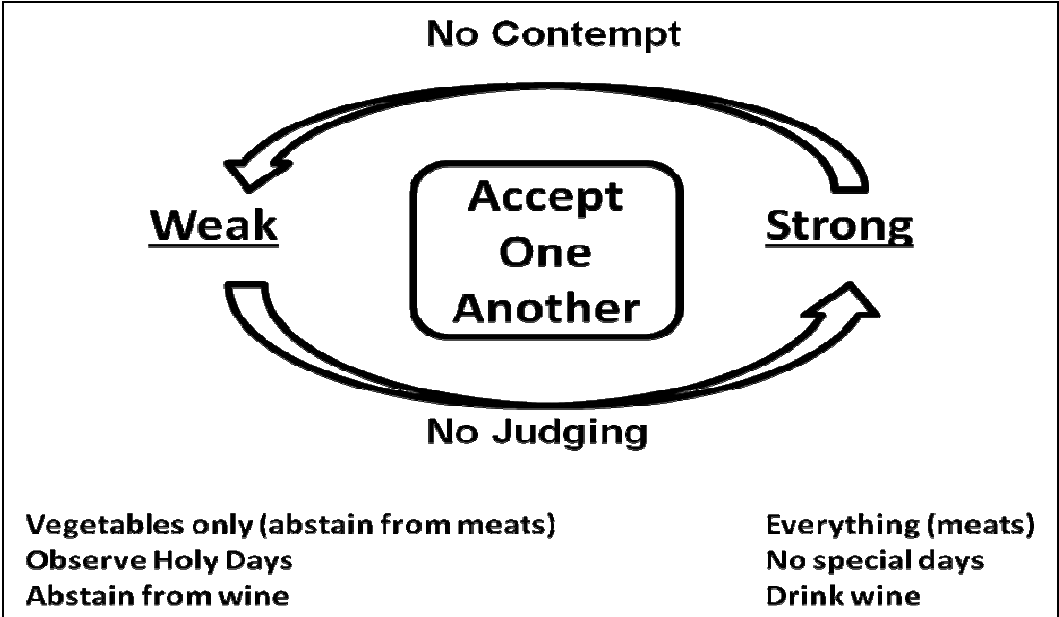
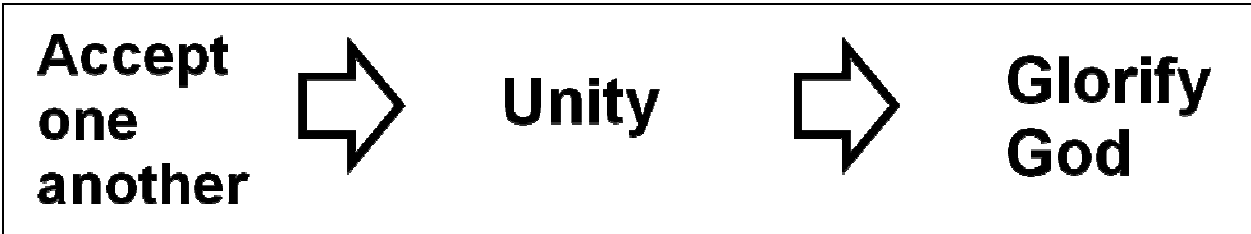
**Transformed Living: “How to Handle Diversity”
Romans 14:1-12**

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

⁴ 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. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.



Vegetables only (abstain from meats)
Observe Holy Days
Abstain from wine

Everything (meats)
No special days
Drink wine

Biblical Framework

- **God has accepted us in Christ Jesus.**
- **God will be our judge.**
- **God will make us stand in the last day.**

So, how will I be different today because of these truths?

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let’s start with the big picture. Read Romans 12:1-2 and identify what we are to be doing. Think specifically in terms of what concrete actions we are to take. What does it mean to present myself as a “living and holy sacrifice” to the Lord? How do I do that? What does it mean to not be conformed to this world? How do I do that? What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of my mind? How do I do that?
- Read Romans 12:3-8. What do you find out about the diversity in the body of Christ? How are we to think about each other? What am I to think about myself?
- What specific actions can you pursue today that will help you put this chapter into practice?

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 12:9-13 and 13:8-10. (Note: I understand “Let love be without hypocrisy” to be somewhat of a title for this section) How would you describe love in this section? What does loving one another look like in your life? In what areas and with whom do you need to develop your love?
- What specific actions can you pursue today that will help you put this chapter into practice?

Friday-Saturday

- Read Romans 14:1 and 15:7. What is the primary command given in this section? Read the prayer in Romans 15:5-6 and identify the ultimate purpose of accepting one another.
- Read Romans 14:1-12. Identify what the differences are between the weak and strong, and why one is considered weak and one considered strong (v. 14 will help you with the word “unclean”).
- What differences do you find in our church and how do you find yourself responding to them? How can a “Biblical Framework” help you accept and welcome others? What can you do this week to begin doing that?