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Message Topic: **Judging and the Principles of Liberty**

Scripture Text: Romans 14:1-12

1. Romans 14:1-12 teaches the believers in their relation with each other especially to a weaker brother in faith. In the Church, members have different level of spiritual maturity. The Bible teaches us to receive the weaker brother which means to show our fellowship to him and to support and encourage him.
2. An example is given in the Bible of one who eats all food and another who only eats herbs. They can despise and judge one another. This will cause contention and disunity in the Church. Another example is one who observes a certain day and who does not.
3. The Bible teaches us to receive a weaker brother because God has received him. Hence, we ought to exercise tolerance, patience and longsuffering towards those who are weaker in faith who may not have full understanding of the Christian faith yet and are still learning and growing spiritually.
4. The Bible gives us another reason to receive a weaker brother because we are all at the same level as servants to God and only God is the Master of each one of us. God Himself as the Master will uphold each servant and mold each servant to His image in His own time.
5. God is the ultimately the Judge and each one must give an account of ourselves to God only. We should not judge others in such matters pertaining to preference, traditions or non-moral matters as taught in this bible passage. However, for matters pertaining to the clear commandments of God given in the Bible, then we have to rebuke sin in the person's life which ought also to be done in love.