

ACCEPTANCE



Reflections on Romans 14:1- 15:13

14:1 Accept him whose faith is _____ without passing
_____ on disputable matters.

14:4 who are (*we*) to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is

(Our hope is in what Christ does, not in what people do.)

4:11 It is written, "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every
_____ before me; every
_____ to God. (Isaiah 45:23-25)

Some things (arguing, debating, insisting) will not change another person's depth of faith or awareness of God's character. These efforts are insignificant to convince or influence beliefs. What actions or attitudes of ours matter to God if we are to be a good influence on others?

4:13 therefore let us stop

_____ on one another. Instead make up your mind not to put any

_____ or _____

_____ in your brother's way.

4:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking (*the insignificant or disputable things*), but of

_____,
_____, and _____ in the Spirit, because anyone
who _____ Christ in this way is pleasing to God, and
approved by men.

(these could be the things that God uses to inspire a person toward faith or knowing God as they see your faith affecting you and how you serve Christ.)

4:19 Let us therefore make _____ to do what
leads to _____ and _____
_____.

(This is calling us to patience, not to condoning sin. Loving acceptance with hope, not obligation to compromise out of fear or hopelessness.)

15:3 For even Christ did not please Himself but, as it is written: "The
_____ of those who _____ you have
_____. For everything
that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through
_____ and the _____ of the
scriptures we might have _____.

15:5 May the God who _____ endurance and encouragement give you _____ among yourselves as you _____ Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may _____ the God and Father of our Lord _____.

What am I focused on today? List some thoughts and feelings

When I focus on _____ i feel hopeless.
When I focus on _____ I feel hopeful.

What will you choose?

Consider Colossians 3:1; 2Cor 4:17,18; Hebrews 12:22

Romans 15:13 May the God of _____ fill you with all _____ and _____ as you _____ in _____,
So that you may _____ with _____ by the _____ of the _____.