

# HAPPY THANKS-LIVING!

## LIVING A GRACE-RESPONSIVE LIFE!

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### Living In Christian Liberty

Romans 14

#### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Romans 15:1-7. When it comes to maintaining unity between Christians who believe differently on matters of opinion, the main responsibility lies with the strong in faith.

The greatest obstacle will be wanting to "please ourselves." This kind of attitude insists that others agree with our opinions or else they won't be accepted. But Christ's example shows a different attitude. We "bear the weaknesses" of others - help them carry the burden of their convictions until they find more freedom. This is done in an effort to edify them, patiently respecting their opinions as we try to teach them a fuller understanding of Christian liberty. Finally, we are prepared to sacrifice personal freedoms in the pursuit of maintaining unity. Jesus gave His life for His Bride, the Church. By seeing that she remains strong and unified, we bring glory to God, the Father.

#### FOR CHILDREN:

How well do you know your body? Try answering questions on the Human Body Quiz, then read Romans 12:3-5.

Scripture reveals to us the truth of Who God is, and how He created us to live. We must all agree on these things. However, God did not make every human the same. God reveals His love for variety and His creativity in humanity. So each of us has a different personality, different abilities, and different ways that we think. Like different bones, muscles, and organs doing different jobs in our body, we should join together and encourage our Christian friends even when they are different than us. This brings God much joy!

#### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

When it comes to exercising our Christian liberty, scripture provides us with a checklist. Use these questions in prayer with God to make the best decisions for your daily life.

1. Am I fully persuaded this activity is right? (*Rom. 14:14, 22-23*).
2. Can I practice the activity as "for the Lord"? (*Rom. 14:6-8*). Does the activity bring glory to God? (*1 Cor. 10:31*).
3. Can I engage in the activity without being a stumbling block to others? (*Rom. 14:13, 20*). Consider that others who follow your example may not be mature enough to exercise the same self-control as you.
4. Does the activity promote righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit? (*Rom. 14:17*). Remember Christ's example of "emptying Himself" (*Phil. 2:1-8*).
5. Does the activity edify others? (*Rom. 14:19*).
6. Is this activity profitable? (*1 Cor. 6:12*).
7. Does this activity run the risk of enslaving me? (*1 Cor. 6:12*).
8. Is Holy Spirit guiding me to this activity? (*Gal. 5:16-18*).

#### WEEKLY

#### AFFIRMATION:

I Want My  
Actions In This  
Moment to  
Glorify God!

#### WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."

**ROMANS 14:19**

#### NOVEMBER 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- ☪ Read the Book of Romans.
- ☪ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ☪ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Book of Romans (available on the website).
- ☪ Write out a list of things for which you are thankful, at least one thing from each day of the month. Then read it over in prayer on Dec. 1.

# HUMAN BODY QUIZ

How well do you know your body?

- 1** About how many hairs do people lose every day?  
a) 10      b) 35      c) 50      d) 75
- 2** What is the most common eye color in the world?  
a) Brown      b) Blue      c) Green      d) Hazel
- 3** How fast does air rush out your nose when you sneeze?  
a) 10 mph      b) 20 mph      c) 50 mph      d) 100 mph
- 4** Your sense of smell is strongest in the evening.  
True      False
- 5** How many muscles do you use when you talk?  
a) 45      b) 55      c) 72      d) 87
- 6** How many breaths does the average person take each day?  
a) 50      b) 150      c) 5000      d) 25000
- 7** Your funny bone isn't really a bone.  
True      False
- 8** The fingernails on your dominant hand grow faster.  
True      False
- 9** What's the most commonly broken bone in the body?  
a) Big Toe      b) Collarbone      c) Leg      d) Pinky Finger