

IRON LEAGUE MEN'S STUDY

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 14

Lesson 17

Day 1: Read Romans 14:1-6

According to Romans 14:4, why are we not in a place to judge another believer's personal convictions?

- a. Link this with Matthew 7:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 4:3-5 and share your thoughts.

Day 2: Read Romans 14:7-13

In Romans 14:10 Paul challenged those who *judge* and *show contempt* for other believers based on issues of personal conviction. He stated that we will *all stand before the judgment seat of Christ*. This judgment seat is known as the *Bema Seat*. This seat is where the Olympian athletes received their rewards after finishing their races. How does this reality challenge your attitude toward believers?

- a. Paul quoted Isaiah 45:23 in Romans 14:11. What fundamental truth was he emphasizing?

Day 3: Read Romans 14:14-18

According to Romans 14:17, rather than limitations or liberties, what is the kingdom of God about?

- a. How does this speak to you about what your focus should be?



Day 4: Read Romans 14:19-23

Romans 14:22 (HCSB), *Do you have a conviction? Keep it to yourself before God. The man who does not condemn himself by what he approves is blessed.* Why is it important to weigh all your liberties and limitations before God?

Day 5: Review

From your study this week, write your first response to some of the key phrases used in Romans 14:

- a. *Opinions/Doubtful Things*
- b. *His own master*
- c. *Fully convinced*
- d. *Whether we live or die*
- e. *Judgment seat of God*
- f. *Stumbling block*
- g. *Walking in love*
- h. *Do not destroy*
- i. *Kingdom of God*
- j. *Acceptable to God*
- k. *Let us pursue*
- l. *Whatever is not from faith*

