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Encouraged by Unity in the Midst of Traditions

Romans 14





Principle #1

- Quarreling happens over “disputable matters.”





Principle #2

- Weak in the faith bind things; strong in the faith enjoy freedom



Principle #3

- *Note that strong and weak have mutual obligations toward each other!*



Principle #4

- We accept each other because God has accepted us!





Principle #5

- We have to be fully convinced in our own minds that our practice is right!



Principle #6

- We recognize that we are accountable to God and accountable to each other!





Principle #7

- V. 15...every act must be based on love toward another!—Principle of love rooted in the 2nd commandment



Principle #8

- People and relationships are more important than personal rights!



Principle #9

- Principle of priorities in the kingdom:
What the kingdom of God is all about...not eating and drinking, or special days, etc. rather, righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. These three become the pillars of unity among brothers and sisters in Christ





Principle #10

- God's work in the lives of people is more important than the assertion of my own individual freedom.



Principle #11

- My main concern is the spiritual welfare of my brother and sister in Christ.



Principle #12

- Sometimes the most loving thing is to keep quiet and not make an issue of something when we know it is offensive or upsetting to another one.



Principle #13

- Everything that does not come from faith is sin= Sin-Principle



Application of these 13 Principles

- Instrumental music & many other traditions tied to singing
- Practice of Christmas and Easter
- Drinking of wine
- Lord's supper practices and methods



Application of these 13 Principles

- Women's role in the public assembly [scripture reading, prayer, speaking, etc.]
- Missionary Societies and other ministries related to the church
- Who performs public baptisms
- Specific items included or excluded in the assembly

