

Romans # 186

“Between You and God”

Romans 14:19-23

As believers in Jesus Christ and members of the royal family of God, we are on the battlefield of this world and so, God has provided the living-grace support necessary for us to gain momentum and to pursue and exploit every opportunity for victory.

Our spiritual blessings glorify God for when the justice of God can give blessing to His righteousness in any mature believer, this is the means of glorifying God.

The blessings of the mature believer begin with occupation with Jesus Christ and personal love for God and continue with sharing the happiness of God, capacity for life, love, happiness, blessing, grace-orientation, authority-orientation, freedom-orientation and common sense which are just some of the spiritual blessings.

The more we advance in maturity, the more the blessings of God increase and these blessings glorify TLJC.

Three kinds of believers exist in the weak camp and each has its own false-standards:

1) Humble, positive toward biblical truth, under a qualified pastor-teacher but has not yet not advanced very far, so he's easily influenced by others' opinions yet he's receptive to correction

2) Arrogant, negative toward biblical truth and will not advance too far in the Christian life and he's not receptive to correction

3) Judgmental, Pharisaic with strong works-oriented convictions and definitely not receptive to correction

A right thing done in a wrong way is not only wrong but it can become evil if it distracts a positive weak believer from the Word and a right thing applied in a wrong way can also become evil.

The false standards of the weak produce arrogant, hypersensitivity, so they can't cope with the standards of the strong and the Word of God is blamed and then rejected by the weak whose legalism is wrong, not the Word.

So, it's up to strong to take responsibility for all believers to have equal opportunity to advance

to maturity, receiving blessings in time, demonstrating glorification of Jesus Christ.

We have to know when to respect the privacy of someone else who is wrong.

To avoid emulation of weakness intensifying into greater weakness requires biblical truth in the soul; so advance to maturity is accompanied by a complete overhaul of conscience to line up with the Word of God.

We must live by means of biblical truth and the RFHC so legalism is not compounded into evil sinfulness.

Many of the strong's freedoms can't be publicly flaunted without distracting the weak from the primary issue, being the Word of God.

While our lives are not an issue to other believers who are occupied with Jesus Christ, our lifestyle can easily become a distraction to the weak who don't have a biblical understanding of the privacy of the priesthood to cope with our expressions of liberty.