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SERMON NOTES



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SELFISHNESS VS. SELFLESSNESS

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WHO ARE YOU LIVING FOR—YOURSELF OR OTHERS?

ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER EVEN WHEN YOU DISAGREE

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

Romans 14:1–5

- How can we treat those we disagree with?
 - Despise them
 - Judge them
 - Accept them
- How do you treat those within Vintage Church you disagree with?

LIVE FOR JESUS, NOT YOURSELF

⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the

Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

*"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."*

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:6–12

- Jesus didn't live for himself; he lived for God.

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:35–45

- Who's Lordship are we submitting to?
- When we submit to Jesus we acknowledge life is not about us.
- Who are you living for—for yourself or for the Lord?

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS YOURSELF

¹³Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness

and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

Romans 14:13–18

- How are we to be living?
 - Not passing judgment against one another
 - Not hindering one another
 - Walk in love
 - Love is never just what we say; it's what we do.
 - "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31)—Jesus quoting Leviticus 19:18
 - To walk in love means we don't just do one loving act but our lives are characterized by loving actions.
 - Is what I'm thinking, feeling, and doing right now loving?

BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER

¹⁹So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

²⁰Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. ²¹It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. ²²The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. ²³But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Romans 14:19–23

- God has built his church
- If we instead pursue our self interests, we tear down God's work.
- Freedom is our right, but love should be our guide.
- How are you working to build up your brothers and sisters?

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MORE—YOURSELF OR OTHERS?

- Accept one another even when you disagree
- Live for Jesus, not yourself

- Love one another as yourself
- Build up one another

In the face of selfishness, we must pursue selflessness—others and their good.