

"I'll Be The Judge?"

Romans 14: 13 - 19

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God Requires That His Children Not Pass Judgment Upon Who Others May Or May Not Be, (vs. 1 - 23)

- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon What Another May Or May Not Believe Is Right, (vs. 13 - 19)
 2. Recognizing the time, we must prepare in advance so that nothing we do be spoken of as evil, (vs. 16)
 - a. The reputation of the Kingdom of God is at stake, (vs. 17); *"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." (Luke 17:20-21)*
 - b. The reputation of God is at stake, (vs. 18); *"But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will. We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man." (2 Corinthians 8:16-21)*
 - c. The unity of the body of Christ is at stake, (vs. 19); *"So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:22-26)*

- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon What God Himself Has Purposed To Do, (vs. 20 - 23)