

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** March 5, 2017

**Series:** New Attitudes

**Title:** A New Attitude Toward Personal Freedoms (Part 1)

**Text:** Romans 14:1-12

**Big Idea:** The gospel should affect the way we view our personal freedoms in Christ and keep us from being judgmental toward those who might have different convictions.

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## I. Introduction

## II. Four Ways to Keep Personal Freedoms from Becoming Personal Weapons.

1. Accept One Another (vs. 1-4)

2. Make Up Your Own Mind (v. 5)

3. Live Under Christ's Authority (vs. 6-9)

4. Prepare to Give an Account of Yourself to God (vs. 10-12)

# STUDY GUIDE

For the Week of March 5, 2017  
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Romans 14:1-12 and John 17:20-21. Why is accepting those with different convictions and preferences important to the unity and mission of the church? \_\_\_\_\_

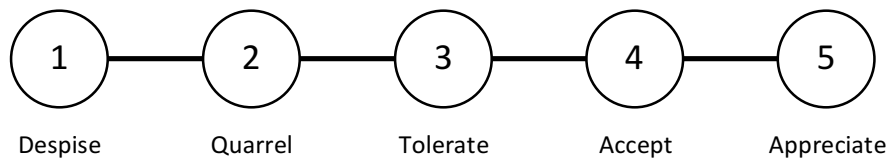
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How can two Christians have different convictions on personal freedoms and yet both still honor the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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## ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Identify people in your life who hold a different conviction in an area of personal freedom (not a clear sin issue). In each relationship, which of the words below most clearly describe how you feel or act toward them? Which words would they use to describe how you treat them?



In your heart, what is at the root of why you feel this way toward them? \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLY THE TRUTH

Why do you have no right to despise or pass judgment on another believer over matters of personal freedom (v. 4)? Why do you sometimes do it anyway? \_\_\_\_\_

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Identify a personal freedom or conviction you believe you have in Christ (something your conscience either allows you to accept or refuse). What attitudes should guide you as you apply that freedom or conviction (v. 6)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you prepared to give an account of yourself before the Lord (v. 12)? What fears do you have? What gospel promises give you hope and assurance? \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMIT THIS WEEK

What areas of personal freedom or conviction are you not yet fully convinced of in your own mind (v. 5)? Commit to doing some study on these issues and seeking wise counsel this week. \_\_\_\_\_

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