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## Romans 14

2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.



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## 2. They Leave The Heart Far From God (v5-7)

“ People who revere man-made traditions above the Word of God eventually lose the power of God’s Word in their lives. No matter how devout they may appear, their hearts are far from God. ”

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary



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not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Hebrews 10:25**



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“ There had grown up a great body of traditions; traditions which in the first place were intended to be interpretations of the law, and applications of the law to local circumstances; traditions which in the second place became interpretations of traditions, and applications of traditions; and the traditions in the third place, which were interpretations of interpretations of interpretations of traditions! ”

G. Campbell Morgan, Exposition On The Bible



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### 4. They Make Spiritual Issues Out Of Things That Are Not Spiritual (v14-19)

“ Although it may not seem so now, this passage, when it was first spoken, was well-nigh the most revolutionary passage in the New Testament. ”

William Barclay, Daily Study Bible



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1 They Make Spiritual Issues Out Of Things

“ Not everything in the Christian life is a matter of right and wrong. Many things are simply matters of personal conscience before God. If you want to do it, then fine. Do it unto the Lord, and without a sense of spiritual superiority. If don't want to do it, fine also. Don't do it unto the Lord, and don't look down upon those whose conscience compels them to do it. ”

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary



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4. They Make Spiritual Issues Out Of Things That Are Not Spiritual (v14-19)

### 1 Corinthians 8

8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.



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### 5. They Cannot Change The Heart (v20-23)

“ The source from which these rivers of pollution proceed is the natural heart of man. Sin is not a splash of mud upon man's exterior, it is a filth generated within himself. ”

Charles Spurgeon, Sermon on Mark 7



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### 5. They Cannot Change The Heart (v20-23)

These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Colossians 2:23



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