

Right Living, Part 2
Lesson #24
Romans 13 & 14

Governing Authorities – Romans 13:1-8a

1. Chapter 13 continues Paul's teaching on discipleship with how the believer should live in relation to governing authorities. Using Romans 13:1:
 - What must the believer do?

 - Why?
2. What if a believer rebels against the governing authority? (Roman 13:2)
3. How can one be free from fear of those who are in authority? (Romans 13:3)
4. What did Paul say about the role of governing authorities? (Romans 13:4)
5. What was Paul's "therefore" when it comes to governing authorities? (Romans 13:5)
6. What about paying taxes? (Romans 13:6)
7. What was Paul's teaching on debt in:
 - Romans 13:7

 - Romans 13:8a

Love Your Neighbor – Romans 13:8b-14

8. When one expresses love to another, what did Paul say he was doing? (Romans 13:8b)

9. How did Paul sum up the 10 Commandments? (Romans 13:9)

10. In what way does love fulfill the law? (Romans 13:10)

11. Paul said, *"And do this, understanding the present time."* How did he clarify the present time? (Romans 13:11)

12. What else did Paul say about the present time? (Romans 13:12a)
 - What was Paul referring to? (Matthew 24:27, 36 & 42)

13. How is one to live while waiting? (Romans 13:12b-14)

14. **Reflect:** What do you think Paul was saying when he told the believers to, *"Clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ?"*

Plea for Unity Within the Body – Romans 14:1-18

15. In chapter 14, Paul dealt with a particular situation in Rome that was dividing the church body. What were Paul's instructions about the weak to those who considered themselves strong in their faith? (Romans 14:1)

16. One of the areas Paul addressed was that of food. Using verse 2, what were the different dietary views of the two groups?
 - The strong

 - The weak

17. What was Paul's warning to each group about this situation? (Romans 14:3)
 - The strong

 - The weak

 - Why?

18. What pointed question did Paul ask both groups? (Romans 14:4a)

19. What was his warning to them in doing this? (Romans 14:4b, c)

20. What was the next issue Paul mentioned that was causing division? (Romans 14:5a, b)

21. How did Paul sum up his teachings on both of these issues? (Romans 14:5c, 6)

22. Why is that an important attitude to have within the church, the Body of Christ? (Romans 14:7, 8)

23. Paul said, *"For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life."* What was that reason? (Romans 14:9)
24. Paul came down hard on these believers asking, *"Then why do you judge your brother?" 'Or why do you look down on your brother?'"* What was his stern warning to them? (Romans 14:10c)
25. Once again Paul quoted the prophet Isaiah to emphasize his warning. What had the Lord spoken through the prophet Isaiah? (Romans 14:11)
26. In case they missed his meaning, Paul restated his point. How did he clarify it? (Romans 14:12)
27. What was Paul's practical application when he said, *"therefore?"* (Romans 14:13)
28. Paul gave his own view on the issue, *"As one who is in the Lord Jesus."* What did he say that he was convinced of? (Romans 14:14)
29. When someone insists on eating certain foods even when his brother is greatly distressed by this, what did Paul say that "stronger" brother is doing? (Romans 14:15)
30. *"Do not allow what you consider good to be spoken of as evil."* Why? (Romans 14:17)
31. If a believer serves Christ in this way, what will the result be? (Romans 14:18)

Right Attitude – Romans 14:19-23

32. Where is the believer to put his effort? (Romans 14:19)
33. What attitude was destroying the work of God at this church in Rome? (Romans 14:20, 21)
34. **Reflect:** In Paul's day, the division was over types of food, drink and whether to continue to observe Jewish holy days. What are some things over which the church is divided today?
35. What were the Romans instructed to do when it came to issues not related to salvation or the clear teachings in Scripture? (Romans 14:22, 23)
36. **Reflect:** Review chapter 14 on how believers, whether weak or strong in their faith, are to live life in the church. For you, what verse stands out to best reflect this attitude?