

**“Resetting Your Moral Compass  
Part 2– Navigating the Fog”**

Romans 14:1-21  
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**In order to navigate through the fog of gray areas in our lives,  
we must understand and apply the following principles:**

**Principle 1- Do not judge others in disputable matters.  
(Romans 14:1-4, 10)**

**Principle 2- Form your own convictions before the Lord.  
(Romans 14:5-8)**

**Principle 3- Recognize each of us will give an account to  
God. (Romans 14:9-12)**

"Paul's discussion is specifically tied to the cultural situation in which he wrote. In our day, and even in your own community, these issues are different. For example, one family may feel strongly that drinking alcoholic beverages should be strictly off-limits to Christians. The family next door may not subscribe to such restrictions. Paul's advice in such situations is straightforward: Be careful not to criticize, and don't be condescending. Ultimately, each of us must answer to God, not to each other."

*Journey Bible*, NIV, Zondervan Publishing,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1996, p. 148.

**Principle 4- Value love and unity over Christian liberties.  
(Romans 4:13-19)**

“May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!”

Romans 15:5-6 (The Message)

**Principle 5- Lay down your Christian liberties for the good of your brothers and sister in Christ. (Romans 14:20-21)**

Our choices are not a private matter. Everything we do affects others and we must value them above ourselves and freedom.