



**“13 Reminders as We
Prepare to Regather”
(Part 2)**

Romans 14:1-15:7

Categories of Potentially Divisive Issues

- Entertainment
- Music
- Parenting
- Dating
- Birth control
- Politics
- Holiday matters



The Key Point

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it's not about you.



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3. **Remember that God is the ultimate Judge** (vs. 4).



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A 5-Step Process for Forming Convictions

1. Allow others to have a different view.
2. Commit yourself to learn their view.
3. Study their view from different angles and sources.
4. Test their view against God's Word.
5. Arrive at an informed conviction.



Warren Wiersbe,
How to Be a Caring Christian

“I fear we have too many ‘junior gods’ running around today, taking the place of God in the lives of others. Some weak Christians seemingly cannot do a thing unless they check with somebody...



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“... It is good to have guidance from
mature believers,
but God says that Jesus is Lord.
Please don't let any person take the
place of God in your life.”



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4. Remember that your convictions are YOUR convictions (vs. 5).
5. Remember to make God's glory your aim (vs. 6-9).



John Donne, from a poem titled “No Man Is an Island”

“No man is an island, entire of itself;
every man is a piece of the
continent,
a part of the main;”



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I Corinthians 10:31

*So, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.*



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6. Remember your conclusions
have consequences (vs. 10-12).



Matthew 12:36-37

*³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment
people will give account for every
careless word they speak,
³⁷ for by your words you will be
justified, and by your words you
will be condemned.*



Thabiti Anyabwile, *The Life of God in the Soul of the Church*

“The resurrection and Lordship of Christ rules out judging and rejecting others...The resurrection rules out any sense of superiority when looking at others.
The judgment seat of Christ...



Thabiti Anyabwile, *The Life of God in the Soul of the Church*

“... It is good to have Because Christ is Lord, and because He rules and sits on the judgment seat, each of us will give an account to God. So we’re not to live life as though we are teachers grading others.”



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7. Remember to be sensitive and sacrificial (vs. 13-15).



I John 3:18

*Little children,
let us not love in word or talk but in
deed and in truth.*



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7. Remember to be sensitive and sacrificial (vs. 13-15).
8. Remember to call others to what is really important (vs. 16-19).
9. **Remember not to cause others to sin** (vs. 20-21).



1 Corinthians 8:9

But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.



Philippians 2:3-4

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.





John
Wesley



Charles
Wesley



George
Whitefield