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## Handling Gray Areas, Pt 1 Romans 14:1-12

*The theme of this passage: Accept one another*

*Two gray area issues in the church at Rome:*

I. The example of eating (v.2)

*Concerning gray areas in the church at Rome, there are two viewpoints:*

1. There was the liveral, broad viewpoint that says it's perfectly okay to do this.
2. There was a stricter, narrower viewpoint that says it's wrong to do this.

*Two natural attitudes that the strong in faith and the weak in faith have toward each other that must be avoided if we're going to accept one another:*

1. The strong in the faith must not reject the weak in the faith. (v. 3a)  
The word despise means to "push out" or exclude.
2. Those who weak in the faith must not judge those who are strong in the faith. (3b)

II. The observance of holy days (v. 5)

*Three principles from this passage:*

1. The principle of a sincere heart. (v.6)
2. The principle of Lordship. (v. 7-9)
3. The principle of judgment. (v. 10-12)

The phrase "judgment seat" is the Greek word "bema".

The "bema" was the raised platform upon which the judges would preside.