

8. Thoughts and Deeds of Interpersonal Differences (2 Tim. 2:15)

Category 1 - With Christians we differ with on the externals of the faith.

Category 2 - With Christians we differ with in the faith.

Category 3 - With people we differ with who are not believers.

Category	Behavior	Spiritual Condition	Our Response	Our Behavior
1	Not eating meat (Rom. 14:2; 1 Cor. 8:7; 10:28)	Weak in the faith (Rom. 14:1)	Love them, not be a stumbling-block (Rom. 14:15; 1 Cor. 8:9)	Change to not offend them (Rom. 14:15; 1 Cor. 8:13; 10:28)
	Command others to abstain from meats (1 Tim. 4:3)	Conscience seared (1 Tim. 4:2)	Discern the spirit (1 Tim. 4:1; 1 John 4:1), study to be approved of God (2 Tim. 2:15)	Don't change for them or strive (2 Tim. 2:16, 24-25); avoid them (Ro. 16:17); pray (2 Cor. 1:10-11); fight (Eph. 6:12)
2	They are in error (for example, Gal. 2:12)	To be blamed (for ex., of dissimulation, Gal. 2:13)	Defend the faith (Gal. 2:14)	Go to them, admonish them (Gal. 2:11; Mt. 20:24-25); overcome with good (Ro. 12:20-21)
	Overtaken in a fault (Gal. 6:1)	Believer not walking in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)	Be spiritual, meek, watching out for ourselves (Gal. 6:1; Col. 3:13)	Restore them (Gal. 6:1), admonish them (Col. 3:16)
3	They show works of the flesh (Phil. 3:18,19)	Unbeliever, sinner (James 5:20)	Have compassion, hate their "clothing" (Jude 22-23)	Save them (Jude 22-23)
	They won't listen to us (1 John 4:6)	Unbeliever or unrepentent believer	Keep wholesome words of our Lord and doctrine of godliness (1 Tim. 6:3)	Separate from them (1 Cor. 5:11; 1 Tim. 6:5)