

Considering Others

To make others part of the equation, Based on God

EVERYTHING we say and do MUST BE done to glorify God - 1 Cor 10:31-33 - 31 So whether you eat or drink or **WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**. 32 Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— 33 even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking MY OWN GOOD but THE GOOD OF MANY, so that they may be saved.

A requirement of ALL Christians is to do NOTHING fully based on self and always take others into consideration - Phil 2:3-4 - 3 **DO NOTHING** out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but IN HUMILITY consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

We are not to consider others based on them - Gal 1:10 - Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? **If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

We must take into consideration our strength in Christ as well as others - Rom 15:1-2 - We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

Godly consideration takes thought, not naivety - Prov 14:15 A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.

True Christians always lookout for others that can't always consider themselves - Prov 29:7 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

We must NEVER be "the measure" when we are concerned for others - 2 Cor 10:12 We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, THEY ARE NOT WISE.

Before we can help others to be aware of themselves, we must recognize self - Matt 7:1-5 - "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you WILL be judged, and with the measure you use, it WILL be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 **You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.**

We are not to judge based on things not from God - Rom 14: 1 Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

*Disputable matter – Subjects that may have a true answer, but the answer is not detrimental to Salvation

To consider others, is to recognize you and they are ultimately accountable to God - Rom 14:7-13 - 7 For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. 8 **If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.** So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" 12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. 13 **THEREFORE let us stop passing judgment on one another.** Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.

It is our responsibility to hold one another accountable to God without enabling - Gal 6:1-2 - Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him GENTLY. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. 2 **Carry each other's burdens,** and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, 5 for each one should carry his own load.

We MUST Not let freedoms cancel out responsibility - 1 Cor 8:9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom DOES NOT become a stumbling block to the weak.

When we let freedoms cancel out responsibility, we sin! - 1 Cor 8:11-13 - 11 So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. 12 When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 **THEREFORE, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I WILL NEVER EAT MEAT AGAIN, SO THAT I WILL NOT CAUSE HIM TO FALL.**

We are to do all we can to keep peace and provide for equal growth - Rom 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

In order to truly consider one another, we must spend quality, Spiritual time together - Heb 10:24-25 - 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

How we are in our God given roles to others in their God given roles must be clearly understood. (For example) - 1 Peter 3:7 **Husbands**, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker **partner** and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, **SO THAT** nothing will hinder your prayers.

We are to do our part to live in Godly harmony with other Believers - 1 Peter 3:8-9 - 8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, **BECAUSE TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED SO THAT YOU MAY INHERIT A BLESSING.**

We must live wise, so that our lives minister to unbelievers - Eph 5:15-16 - 15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of EVERY opportunity, because the days are evil.