

THE BALANCE BETWEEN OPINION AND UNITY:
**"OK We May Not Agree, But We are Brothers in the Lord
and that is What Matters Most"**

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Romans 14:1-13, 19

Notice the following from the text:

1. We must endeavor to work through "disputable matters" in a way that _____
_____.

Two components to disputable matters:

1a. A disputable matter is anything that a Christian may have convictions about that is not a matter of _____.

1b. It is NOT a matter that everyone is forced to _____, but a matter of personal _____.

2. Everyone has the right to their personal convictions and no one has the right to use their convictions to _____ others.

3. You should never try to force another Christian to violate their conscience in such a way where they _____ and may _____ the Lord.

4. All Christians are bound by the over-riding responsibility to preserve the _____ of the congregation.

4a. You try to allow others all the _____ you can give them.

4b. Then we are also try to out do each other in _____ to the needs of others.

Summary:

1. Diversity is _____.

2. The commands of God should never be _____.

3. The first question we need to ask when a difference arises is it a matter of _____.

4. If it is a matter of direct _____ then our intention must be to obey it fully.

5. Many times unity is best served by allowing Christians the _____ of participating or not participating in a church activity without judgment and in full acceptance for every **one's convictions.**

6. **We don't have to be afraid of _____.**

7. We need to always be willing to talk with each other. More than TALK ABOUT EACH **OTHER and if necessary for the sake of _____ another's _____; We** must love each other enough to sacrifice what we are free to do for the sake of honoring and blessing the weak.