

	“Strong” Despiser’s (Immature)	“Strong” Welcomer’s (Mature)	“Weak” Welcomer’s (Mature)	“Weak” Judger’s (Immature)
Condition of their heart:	Me first; Values personal freedom & opinions at the expense of others; Concerned most about self; my conscience ought to be yours	Others first; Values unity & fellowship of the church over personal freedoms & disputable matters; Concerned most about the Lord; I respect your conscience	Others first; Values unity & fellowship of the church over personal restraints & disputable matters; Concerned most about the Lord; I respect your conscience	Me first; Values personal rules and opinions at the expense of others; Concerned most about self; my conscience ought to be yours
View of others:	“Despises” the weak as controlling legalist; thinks they may not know the gospel (while their own understanding is skewed!)	Welcomes weak; Lays aside freedom & opinion when necessary to avoid quarreling or stumbling	Welcomes strong; Affirms freedoms & opinions of strong	“Judges” the strong as in sin; thinks they may not know the gospel (while their own understanding is skewed!)
How they relate to others:	Quarrel over opinions; Desires to bind other’s conscience on non-gospel issues	Asks about potential stumbling; mutual understanding; Patiently honors other’s conscience while aware of one’s own	Offer’s to discuss potential stumbling; mutual understanding; Patiently honors other’s conscience while aware of one’s own	Quarrel over opinions; Desires to bind other’s conscience on non-gospel issues
Personal Goal:	Requires weak to be free; causes stumbling, temptation, sin; Slogan: “no use of restraint!”; their freedom must be everyone’s freedom!	Exercises or restricts freedom joyfully; wise & timely use of freedom	Exercises restriction joyfully; wise understanding of restriction; desires to grow strong	Requires strong to be restricted; forced legalism; Slogan: “no use of freedom!”; their rules must be everyone else’s rules!
The Gospel:	Dishonors Christ & devalues gospel; misunderstands Christ’s patience, plan, & progress of sanctification; “misplaced theological triage”	Honors Christ & values gospel; honors others; proper theological triage	Honors Christ & values gospel; honors others; proper theological triage	Dishonors Christ & devalues gospel; misunderstands Christ’s freedom & grace; “misplaced theological triage”