

So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

Romans 14:19

Store In My Heart

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

From the time God called them from Egypt until the death of Joshua, Israel was led by men chosen by God. From the message delivered from Mt. Sinai we learn that God was the supreme ruler in Israel and He expected them to follow Him diligently. He protected, guided, and fed them during all their travels. He went before them as they conquered the land of Canaan. Yet then they received the inheritance, they did not remain faithful, instead they just did whatever they wanted.

We must be careful that we do not fall into the same habit today. God has clearly outlined what He expects of us and even when left on our own we have a responsibility to do His will. In all of life we must follow God, not self.



So You “Disagree”?

Robert F. Turner

For 30 years I have preached and written my convictions regarding the Bible, the church, etc.; and for 30 years people have “disagreed.” Catholics, Mormons, Protestants, and occasionally my brethren “disagree.” That doesn’t bother me — much. At least not enough to cause me to squelch my honest convictions and “sell out” to majority opinions.

Sometimes one disagrees and proceeds to teach me more perfectly the way of truth. I find I have been wrong. Now I dislike being wrong, but not as much as I dislike teaching error. Changing to truth is a pleasure, and I am grateful to my teacher.

Thirty years of disagreement has taught me something else. Some people say they “disagree” when in reality they know so little about the subject they can’t explain their own position and know even less about mine. Perhaps they were born in the objective mood and “kickative” case; or more likely, I have pointed out the error of their ways, and they want to keep on going the way they are going, regardless of truth or consequences.

Honest disagreement, based upon convictions established through careful study of God’s word, is honorable. I can respect such disagreement even when I am reasonably sure my opponent is in error. Two such persons can study together to profit— and will be anxious to do so.

But there is no honor, and I have little respect for the person who seeks to discredit my work with prejudicial name-calling or the glib use of weight-swinging “I disagree.”

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For Our Information

Let us continue to encourage one another as we have opportunity.

Several of our sick are doing better but are still recovering and need our prayers.

Take advantage of the many resources that are now available for study and contemplation of God's Word.

Take time to refresh your mind with our Sunday Class lesson. We will get back to it eventually.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

You "disagree" with what? Is there a fallacy in my reasoning? Have I misused the Scriptures? Have I overlooked some Bible truth that would alter my conclusion? Give me a specific point of disagreement and I will be happy to consider it.

A fellow once wrote that all I had said was true (he flattered me) but he feared it would lead to error. Hm! Truth never leads to anything but truth. To fear the consequences of truth is cowardice of the first order, and our disagreement is with God. Let such a one rather fear Hell.

(From The Gospel Guardian, 1965, Vol. 17, page 205.)

(Disagreement is a problem we must deal with in all parts of life. Husbands and wives disagree from time to time. Teachers disagree with students. Parents disagree with teachers. Hitters disagree with umpires. Coaches disagree with officials. Children disagree with parents. There is no part of life where we can be certain of having no disagreement with someone else.

This should cause us to give attention to how we react to disagreement. We cannot control how others may receive what we say, but we can control our reaction to those that disagree. As Brother Turner points out, some disagreement can be valid. How we handle those situations can have grave consequences for all involved, especially when it involves our relationship to God.

We must also be careful with our own disagreement with others. We should clearly understand what our disagreement is and be able to explain it to them. If we cannot explain, how can we know that we do not agree. Maybe something 'rubs us the wrong way', but that does not necessarily mean that we should disagree. In such a case we need to investigate why and determine if it is a valid situation that needs to be dealt with or just some personal preference we have that should be kept to ourselves.

We also should consider the purpose of expressing our disagreement. Is it to 'set the record straight'? Will it help with understanding? Or will it just lead to more discussion without bringing any clarity to the topic? Consider your words. We are to seek to edify not confuse. Study with care. DLH)



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