

Got Questions: How Should Christians Handle Disagreement?

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“...The One Who is Not Against You is for You”

John 21:21 - 22

21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

22 Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

James 4:1 - 2

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights *among* you?

Is it not this, that your passions are at war *within* you?

2a You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.

Galatians 5:15 But if you *bite* and *devour* one another, watch out that you are not *consumed* by one another.



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Words to Make us Tremble and Ask God for Forgiveness

Ecclesiastes 7:21 – 22

21 Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you.

22 Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

Psalms 50:19 - 21

19 “You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

21 These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I (God) was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.

Proverbs 10:18 – 19

18 The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever utters slander is a fool.

19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 12:18 – 20

18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Proverbs 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

1st Peter 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler (a busybody about other people's concerns).

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

1st Corinthians 13:4 – 6

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 – 14

13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

