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## UNCIVIL WAR



IT'S HARD TO AVOID THE BAD ATTITUDES AND CONSTANT BICKERING AMONG OUR NATIONAL POLITICAL LEADERS. IN THE PAST YEAR THE VICIOUS ATTACKS AND LACK OF RESTRAINT ARE CONSTANTLY EVIDENT. THOSE WHO GOVERN US WRANGLE REGARDING OUR BUDGET AND IMMIGRATION AND REVEL IN SCANDAL AND CHARACTER ASSASSINATION. UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT WE WITNESS IS THE REALITY OF AN UNCIVIL WAR. HOW SAD AND UGLY!

THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF THOSE WHO MAY DISAGREE ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS, BUT MIGHT WE NEVER BE DISAGREEABLE. CONSIDER GOD'S GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTIAN CONDUCT.

### SEEK PEACE

- PSALM 34:14 DEPART FROM EVIL, AND DO GOOD; SEEK PEACE, AND PURSUE IT.
- PSALM 133:1 BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BROTHERS TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!
- MATTHEW 5:9 BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.
- ROM. 12:18 IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, BE AT PEACE WITH ALL MEN.
- 1 PET. 3:11 AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

### LOVE NEIGHBORS

- LEV. 19:18 YOU SHALL NOT TAKE VENGEANCE, NOR BEAR ANY GRUDGE AGAINST THE SONS OF YOUR PEOPLE, BUT YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF; I AM THE LORD.
- MK. 12:30-31 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, THE SECOND IS THIS, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF, THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.
- GAL. 5:14 FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, IN THE STATEMENT, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

### WALK RIGHT

- EPH. 5:1-2 THEREFORE BE IMITATORS OF GOD, AS BELOVED CHILDREN; AND WALK IN LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED YOU AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US, AN OFFERING AND A SACRIFICE TO GOD AS A FRAGRANT AROMA.
- EPH. 5:15 FOR YOU WERE FORMERLY DARKNESS, BUT NOW YOU ARE LIGHT IN THE LORD; WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT
- EPH. 5:15 THEREFORE BE CAREFUL HOW YOU WALK, NOT AS UNWISE MEN BUT AS WISE,

THE CHURCH SHOULD MODEL CIVILITY. GALATIANS 5:25 REMINDS US, "IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT. LET US NOT BECOME BOASTFUL, CHALLENGING ONE ANOTHER, ENVYING ONE ANOTHER.

LOOKING UP,  
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE