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## QUARRELSOMENESS QUESTIONS



IN MY SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE, FROM EPHESIANS 4:2, I WROTE ABOUT WORTHY WALKING IN LIGHT OF THE WORLDLY HOSTILITY THAT IS SO APPARENT IN OUR SOCIETY. UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THAT CHRISTIANS OFTIMES GET CAUGHT UP IN CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AND PURSUE MAKING THEIR POINT BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF COURTESY AND TEMPERATENESS. EVEN IF THEIR PRINCIPLES ARE CORRECT, THEIR DEMEANOR IS NOT. IN ACTUALITY THEY ARE SIMPLY QUARRELSOME CHRISTIANS. THEY BECOME ENERGIZED WITH "FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT" BUT WITH BAD ATTITUDES AND WORSE ACTIONS.

LET ME SUGGEST SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE QUARRELSOME CHRISTIAN.

1. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO SOFT ANSWERS TURNING AWAY WRATH? - PROVERBS 15:1
2. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO PRACTICING THE BEATITUDES OF GENTLENESS, PURITY AND PEACEMAKING?  
- MATTHEW 5:5, 8-9
3. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BEING CAREFUL ABOUT UNJUSTIFIED ANGER, ABUSIVE SPEECH AND CHARACTER ASSASSINATION? - MATTHEW 5:22
4. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BEING RECONCILED WITH OTHERS? - MATTHEW 5:24
5. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO MAKING FRIENDS QUICKLY WITH YOUR OPPONENT? - MATTHEW 5:25
6. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO PUTTING AWAY FLESHLY FRUITS LIKE STRIFE, JEALOUSY, OUTBURSTS OF ANGER, DISPUTES, DISSENSIONS AND FACTIONS? - GALATIANS 5:20
7. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO DEMONSTRATING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT LIKE PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL? - GALATIANS 5:22-23
8. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO OFFERING EDIFYING WORDS ACCORDING TO THE NEED OF THE MOMENT?  
- EPHESIANS 4:29
9. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO PUTTING AWAY WRATH, ANGER, CLAMOR AND SLANDER? - EPHESIANS 4:31
10. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BEING KIND TO ONE ANOTHER? - EPHESIANS 4:32
11. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO CALLING OUT THOSE WITH A MORBID INTEREST IN CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS AND DISPUTES? - 1 TIMOTHY 6:3-4
12. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO REJECTING A FACTIOUS MAN? - TITUS 3:10

BEING BOLD FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST DOES NOT JUSTIFY BEING BAD, BRASH AND BELLIGERENT. BELIEVERS NEED TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER HOW WE ENGAGE SOCIETY. IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL GODLINESS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE WILL DISAPPEAR AND THE WORLD WILL BE LEFT WONDERING, WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE DECENT CHRISTIANS I USED TO KNOW?

LOOKING UP!

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