

What If We Disagree?

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Grab a bible, a pen and print a copy of this handout.

SCRIPTURE

2 Ti. 2:14-16, 23-24; Tit. 3:1-2; Ro. 14:1-2; Ac. 15:36-41

EXPOSITION

I. It is God's will that we avoid _____.

A. Because they do great _____ (2 Ti. 2:14-16, 23-25)

14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness... 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness.

God may perhaps grant them repentance.

(2 Ti. 2:14-16, 23-25, ESV)

B. Because it is a _____ (Tit. 3:1-2, 9)

1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people... 9 But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

(Tit. 3:1-2, 9)

DQ: What are some examples of foolish arguments you've seen in your home, your school or place of work?

II. Foolish arguments can be avoided by _____

_____.

A. Maturing believers are _____ with their _____. (Ro. 14:1)

B. Maturing believers are _____ with their _____. (2 Ti. 3:14)

III. Foolish arguments can be prevented by _____

_____. (Ac. 15:36-41)

DQ: What are some reasons Paul might have given for leaving John Mark behind? And how might Barnabas have argued for taking John Mark with them?

A. Defer to the person with the most _____.

B. Defer to the person with the most _____.

C. Defer to the person in _____.

APPLICATION(S)...

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"In the essentials unity, in the non-essentials liberty and in all things charity."

Augustine of Hippo