

SIGNATURE SERIES

DISAGREEMENT IS NOT HATE

Truth can be spoken with conviction
without contempt.



A BIBLICAL STUDY GUIDE
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OVERVIEW

Conviction Without Contempt

Biblical love does not require agreement on every issue. It requires us to treat people as image-bearers of God, speak truth honestly, and refuse the hatred, ridicule, and cruelty that often poison disagreement.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

“Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”

EPHESIANS 4:15

WHAT BIBLICAL DISAGREEMENT IS WHAT IT IS NOT

A respectful exchange shaped by humility, truth, patience, and a desire to understand. It can sharpen wisdom without destroying relationship.

Insults, mockery, slander, dehumanizing language, or treating another person as an enemy merely because they see an issue differently.

THE BIG IDEA

Love does not erase conviction. It governs how conviction is expressed.

THREE MARKS OF CHRISTLIKE DISAGREEMENT

1

1. LISTEN

Seek to understand before answering.

James 1:19

2

2. SPEAK TRUTH

Do not soften truth, but refuse cruelty.

Ephesians 4:15

3

3. SHOW HONOR

Treat the other person with dignity.

1 Peter 2:17

WHEN DISAGREEMENT BECOMES UNCHRISTLIKE

ASSUMING MOTIVES

We judge a person's heart instead of addressing their words.

1 Corinthians 4:5

USING CONTEMPT

Sarcasm and ridicule replace gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

MAKING ENEMIES

We treat people as opponents to defeat instead of neighbors to love.

Matthew 5:44

REFUSING CORRECTION

Pride makes us defensive, loud, and unteachable.

Proverbs 12:15

KEY TRUTH: How you disagree can either display Christ or distort Him.

REFLECT. PRAY. ACT.

Let truth and love govern every conversation.

REFLECTION

1

Where have I confused disagreement with disrespect?

2

Do my words reflect gentleness and self-control?

3

Who do I need to listen to, forgive, or approach differently?

A PRAYER FOR WISDOM

Jesus, make me firm in truth and rich in grace. Guard my heart from pride, anger, and contempt. Teach me to listen carefully, speak honestly, and treat every person with dignity. Let my convictions point people toward You rather than push them away. Amen.

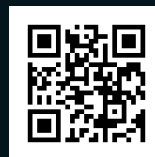
THIS WEEK'S APPLICATION

Have one difficult conversation this week with the goal of understanding, honoring, and speaking truth in love.



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YOU CAN STAND FOR TRUTH WITHOUT HATING THE PERSON.

Christlike conviction is courageous enough to speak and humble enough to listen. The goal is not to win every argument, but to honor Christ in every conversation.

YOUR CLOSING CHALLENGE

What would change if the people who disagree with you could still clearly see the love of Jesus in you?

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