

-Romans 14:13-23

***-Choosing the Right Battles Within
the Church Part II***

-Ephesians 4:1-6 (LSB) 1 Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

-Colossians 3:12-17 (LSB) 12 So, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and graciously forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord graciously forgave you, so also should you. 14 Above all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with gratefulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

-2 Timothy 2:14-16 (LSB) 14 Remind them of these things, solemnly charging them in the presence of God not to dispute about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid godless and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

-Titus 3:8-9 (LSB) 8 This is a trustworthy saying. And concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be intent to lead in good works. These things are good and profitable for men. 9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and conflicts about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

-John 17:15 (LSB) “I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

-“The ascetic and monastic tendency rests primarily upon a lively, though morbid sense of the sinfulness of the flesh and of the world; then upon the desire for solitude and exclusive occupation with divine things; and finally, upon the ambition to attain extraordinary holiness and merit...It substitutes an abnormal, self-appointed virtue and piety for the normal forms prescribed by the Creator; and not rarely looks down upon the divinely-ordained standard with spiritual pride.”—Philip Schaff *History of the Christian Church* (Volume 2)

-Acts 10:9-15 (LSB) 9 And on the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. 10 But he became hungry and was desiring to eat. And while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance 11 and saw heaven opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, 12 and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the sky. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise up, Peter, slaughter and eat!" 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything defiled and unclean." 15 Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider defiled."

-Think consequentially; consider how the dominoes of our actions and attitudes fall out.

-Philippians 2:3 (LSB) doing nothing from selfish ambition or vain glory, but with humility of mind regarding one another as more important than yourselves,

**-Why, FROM SCRIPTURE, you
yourself don't feel such a
restriction.**

-Though you don't have such restrictions of conscience but they do, you will fight to protect their conscience however you can.

-Colossians 4:5-6 (LSB) 5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, redeeming the time. 6 Let your words always be with grace, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should answer each person.

-Romans 14:19 (LSB) So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

-What does the Bible say?