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The "Whole" Church: Church Meeting Training (Pt. 2)

Monday, March 3, 2025 @ 6:00PM

Spiritual Gentleness: "Church Meetings that Heal"

Is the Way You Conduct Business in the Church Consistent
with Who God Has Called You to Be in Christ?

*"Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant
them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth..."*

(2 Timothy 2:25 NIV)

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The Destructive Power of "Talents" that Have No Connection to the Holy Spirit

- 1846 Nitroglycerine created by Ascanio Sabrero
- 1860 Alfred Nobel began work on a chemical to make Nitroglycerine safe
- 1867 Nobel succeeded in creating "diatomaceous earth" (*Kieselguhr*) that stabilized Nitroglycerine and made it safe to use.

**As powerful as Nitroglycerine was, it wasn't until it was mixed with Kieselguhr that it became "safe" to use. It had to first be combined with a "stabilizing agent" before it became useful.*

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Spiritual Gentleness: What Does it Mean?

Convictions

- a firmly held _____ or _____:
- the quality of showing that one is firmly _____ of what one believes or says:
- An _____ belief, stance, or perspective

synonyms:

Certainty, assurance, confidence, sureness, positiveness, without a shadow of a doubt

*Definition from Microsoft Online Dictionary

Two Types of “Convictions” in Ministry

#1 Absolute Convictions

Convictions we believe should “absolutely” apply to _____. Universal, _____ beliefs that apply to ourselves and everyone around us.

*(Winsome Conviction, Disagreeing without Dividing the Church;
Tim Muehlhoff and Richard Langer, pgs. 33-34, 2020.)*

- Not what we feel or prefer, but _____ in the Will of God and the Message of Jesus Christ.
- Not swayed by what others may say, think, or do. The only matter of an Absolute Conviction is _____ and _____ God.

Name “Absolute” Convictions that Should Apply to Everyone within the Body of Christ. (i.e. Unchangeable, Unwavering, Uncompromising Convictions, etc.)

#2 Personal Convictions

Things we _____ believe that determine our personal _____ (i.e. what we say, how we respond, what we do) although we realize others may not share the same belief.

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The Body of Christ is Guided by *Statements of Absolute Conviction*

Statements of Absolute Conviction

- The Bible Says...
- Our Faith Says...
- Baptist Doctrine Says...
- Christ Taught...
- _____ Teaches in the Word...

Statements of Personal Conviction

- I Think...
- We Feel...
- They Want...
- I Don't Believe...
- Our Tradition is...

Name Types of “Personal” Convictions Often Held by Individual Members within the Body of Christ. (i.e. Leadership Responsibilities & Budget/Financial Decisions, etc.)

From Servant Leader Church Meeting Training (pt. 1), Were the Convictions of Dr. Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli “Personal” or “Absolute”?

Use the Space Provided Below to Name Types of Convictions that Often Lead to Discord in Church Meetings (i.e. Money, Budget, Leadership, etc.). Please do not provide names of people or give any information that may identify people, churches, communities, or organizations.

Are the convictions you’ve named above and convictions named by other students “Personal” or “Absolute”?

Is it possible for a Body of Christ/church to have 2 or more opposing Absolute Convictions.

What does 1 Body of Christ do when it has 2 or more conflicting Personal Convictions?

It (is/is not) possible for 2 Opposing Personal Convictions to be right at the same time.

In order for the Body of Christ to be a **whole** Body of Christ, the persons involved must choose to focus on their _____ as their ONLY Absolute (Unifying) Conviction. Only the ABSOLUTE Conviction of Christ can unify opposing personal convictions.

When Convictions Conflict

The persons with conflicting, opposing Personal Convictions should...

1. Choose to Focus on the 1 _____
2. Choose to Allow the Body of Christ to Live _____ & in _____

“Absolute Convictions” require the Body of Christ to set aside _____ on how the blessings of God should be utilized and handled within the church. A harmonious family of God is one that focuses on the _____ in God and not the handling of the blessings received from God.

Is your focus on the Blessings of God or on the God of the Blessings?

Dr. William H. Whitaker, II

¹ *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?*

² *You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.*

³ *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

(James 4:1-3)

Servant Leadership 2-Tim-2 Certification that Heals in Church Meetings

14. Be a Connection to the Spirit and Being of Christ

“¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

(2 Tim. 2:11-13)

5 Absolute Convictions Believers Can ALL Agree On In Times of Disagreement

1. **We Should _____ & _____ in Christ** - *If we die with Christ, we will also live with Christ.* (vs. 11b)
2. **We will Receive a _____ from Christ for _____ the Race** - *If we endure (hold on, hang in there, and persevere), we will also reign with Christ.* (vs. 12a)
3. **We Should Always _____ to Our Faith in Christ** - *If we disown , he will also disown us.* (vs. 12b)
4. **God is _____ Even We are Not - ; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful...** (vs. 13a)
5. **Together, We are the _____ - for he cannot disown himself.”** (vs. 13b)

If necessary, _____ all Church Meeting agenda items causing the _____ within the congregation and CHOOSE to make the 5 _____ of 2-Tim-2:11-13 the focus of the Church Meeting.

If you can't do it _____ as one, unified, harmonious Body of Christ, don't do it all!

15. Always Respond to “False Teachers” with the Teachings & Spirit of 2 Tim. 2:1-13.

The purpose of the Servant Leader is to...

(“Keep reminding God’s people of these things.” 2 Tim. 2:14a)

In order for this to happen, remember Paul’s instructions to the us as Servant Leader “soldiers” in 2 Tim. 2:4.

15. Response to “False Teachers” (cont’d.)

From *My Church Hurts: Restoring Servant Leadership Trust* (Pt. 1).

The Sacrifice of the Servant of God as a Soldier of Jesus Christ

2 Timothy 2:4

4 Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. (NLT)

4 No soldier in active service gets entangled in the [ordinary business] affairs of civilian life; [he avoids them] so that he may please the one who enlisted him to serve. (Amplified Bible)

The Sacrifice of the Servant Leader

The Sacrifice of the Servant Leader means to give him/herself fully to the service of his/her “_____”. As a “soldier” for the Lord, _____ and _____ of time and attention to the *Servant Leader Work* is a key essential for Servant Leadership.

16. Encourage Others Not to Argue Over Words

“Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.” 2 Tim. 2:14b

The Servant Leader that leads a Church Meeting can neither be the _____ nor the _____ of an _____ in the Church Meeting. In such instances, the Servant Leader Moderator should volunteer to _____ in the Church Meeting and a new Servant Leader appointed by the congregation to moderate the meeting in a _____ manner.

The moderator cannot _____ and _____ his/her own _____ at the same time as serve as Servant of the Lord. Before you can “warn them before God against quarreling”, you have to first warn yourself before God not to do the same.

17. Correctly Handle the Word of God

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Tim. 2:15

Good _____ and _____ is the best solution and response to disputes within the Body of Christ. A church leader with _____ or _____ will only worsen the dispute within the Body of Christ. The best thing a Servant Leader can do when leading a tumultuous Church Meeting is to “_____”, act _____, and _____ the Lord, Jesus Christ in words and deeds. Why? Because believers in an argument need a _____ example to follow.

18. Use Your Words for “Godly” Conversation

“¹⁶Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷Their teaching will spread like gangrene.”

2 Tim. 2:16-17a

As a Servant Leader, be careful not to participate in “_____” and “_____” that disrespect the believers you are leading. Servant Leaders are called to be “_____” in their leadership so that believers can likewise be _____ in their fellowship. As a Servant Leader of the Lord, Jesus Christ, there is no such thing as a conversation that remains “_____”. Every believer has a _____ or a _____ with whom they will willingly trust to share your private statements. The best thing for Servant Leaders to do is to be _____ and _____ in words and deeds at all times.