

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION?**  
**Part Fifteen: June 30, 2021**

**What are the Solutions for Pointless Debates?**

- **Recognize the characteristics of potentially \_\_\_\_\_ debates and discussions.**

- 2 Tim. 2:16-18: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ subjects
  - “Profane” = not \_\_\_\_\_, worldly, common, worthless
- \_\_\_\_\_ subjects
  - “Profane” = also godless, irreligious
- \_\_\_\_\_ subjects
  - “Vain babblings” = \_\_\_\_\_ chatter, foolish or \_\_\_\_\_ discussion
  - See Titus 3:9: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Sidetracking subjects
  - “they will increase unto more ungodliness” = not moving people toward Christ but away from Him
- \_\_\_\_\_ subjects
  - “their word will eat as doth a canker...and overthrow the faith of some” = eating away at and undermining people’s \_\_\_\_\_

- **Understand and avoid the prideful pitfalls of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1 Cor. 8:1-3: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Knowledge puffs up \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1).
- Knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ eyes (vs. 2).
  - The first things we need to know are:
  - I am \_\_\_\_\_.
    - See Prov. 30:1-3: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - 1 Timothy 1:15: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Loving \_\_\_\_\_ and others is everything.
    - See Mark 12:29-31: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ when misapplied (vs. 11-12).

- Prov. 13:10: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1 Cor. 13:1-3: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Minimize expressions of \_\_\_\_\_ that could stir up pointless contention or needlessly offend the brethren.**

- Applications:
  - Don't major on the minors or be pridefully \_\_\_\_\_ when expressing your opinions.
  - Recognize that you might not always be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Don't \_\_\_\_\_ everyone will or should agree with you when discussing nonbiblical issues.
  - Remember that these principles of God-honoring, edifying discussion apply to \_\_\_\_\_ media as well.

- **Seek to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word.**

- 1 Tim. 1:4-5: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Conclusion**

- **As we conclude this series on ecclesiastical separation, let's remember the will and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ for His church:**

- John 17:20-23: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Let's also remember that in Christ, we have been given everything we need to live together in blessed \_\_\_\_\_:**

- Eph. 4:1-6: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Let's live together in the blessed bonds of love and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Psalm 133:1: \_\_\_\_\_  
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