

Improper Attitudes Toward Bible Authority

Thinking That Bible Authority Is Not Important Is An Improper Attitude

- **This kind of thinking rejects the need for authority, and it reflects an attitude that man can do what he seems to be right. (Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:32)**
- **We must all understand the importance of having authority for what we do in religion. (Matthew 21:23)**
 1. **Was authority from God important in the case of Nadab and Abihu? (Leviticus 10:1-2)**
 2. **Will abiding in authority from God be important on the Day of Judgment? (Matthew 7:21-23)**
- **Let's all recognize the importance of authority in religion. (Colossians 3:17)**

The Idea That We Don't Want To Be Considered As Being Too Legalistic Is An Improper Attitude

- To be “legalistic” can be defined as “exhibiting a strict adherence to law.”**
- “Legalism” sees sin as a violation of God’s law, which is exactly what sin is. (1 John 3:4)**
- Never forget, our Lord Jesus Christ demands our obedience. (Matthew 7:22-23; Luke 6:46; John 14:15,21)**

Declaring That There Is No Distinction Between The Church and Individual Action Is An Improper Attitude

- This kind of thinking insist and declares that what an individual is allowed or subject to do, so is the local church as well, and this denotes a failure to understand Bible authority. (1 Timothy 5:16)**
- Always remember, we must rightly divide the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)**
- Never forget that we must not go beyond what is written. (1 Corinthians 4:6)**

Insisting That If The Bible Does Not Say To Do Something, Then We Can Do It Is An Improper Attitude

- This kind of attitude reflects a disrespect for the silence of the Scriptures, and it suggests that God gives authority by what He does not say, which is not true. (Hebrews 7:14)**
- We must remain within and follow what has been revealed to us by God, and we must not presume upon His silence as being permissible for us to do something. (Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 John 9-11)**
- Remember, we can only speak for God, if God has spoken. Therefore, when it comes to authority in religion, let us speak where the Bible speaks, and let us be silent where the Bible is silent. (1 Peter 4:11)**

The Philosophy of “Let Us Agree To Disagree” Is An Improper Attitude

- The philosophy of possessing the attitude of “let us agree to disagree” is improper when it comes to Bible authority because it denotes a false concept of love, it softens the seriousness of being in error, and this kind of attitude is opposite of that of Jesus Christ who has all authority. (Revelation 3:19)**
- We must understand that when it comes to matters of doctrine and authority for what we do in religion it must all conform to the doctrine of Christ and to His authority. For one can only be in fellowship with God by abiding in the doctrine of Christ, and when one fails to do this we must not “agree to disagree” with them, nor must we fellowship with them. (2 John 9-11; Ephesians 5:11)**

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- Let’s never forget that Jesus said, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me” (John 14:21). Knowing that, there can be no agreement to disagree when it comes to the doctrine of Christ. For there is only one faith (Ephesians 4:5), one gospel (Galatians 1:6-9), one doctrine of Christ (2 John 9), and there is only One who has all authority (Matthew 28:18), and if any one differs with that, they are wrong!**

God's Plan of Salvation

- **Hear the word of God. (Luke 11:28; Romans 10:17)**
- **Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24; Acts 8:37)**
- **Repent of your sins. (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)**
- **Confess Jesus Christ. (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10)**
- **Be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins. (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27-29)**
- **Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)**