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How To Be Right

In America today, and in the church, it is easy to place great value on “being right.” It’s almost part of the “American Dream” to expect almost everything to go the way we want it to.

The trick for a follower of Christ is to learn to value what Jesus values. We’re learning that God’s goodness, grace, kindness, love and humility offer a different response than our natural mindset would.

When there’s a disagreement—an honest difference of opinion—and I know I’m right, can I keep quiet and continue listening because I value the relationship more than being right or winning the argument? A winning attitude and response, spiritually speaking, is when we respond to circumstances or people in the way that Jesus would respond.

St. Paul wrote in Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV): *“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the LORD has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”*

God can help us to love the people in our lives more than we love being right! When conversations and circumstances do not go in the direction we prefer, and when someone is not loving, nurturing or kind to us, the Holy Spirit can help us respond with meekness, patience, grace, forgiveness and that beautiful, powerful humility that we see in Jesus.

With love,

Pastor Duff