

“Tolerance And Intolerance”

Tolerance: The ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with. (Webster).

I. The World’s View Of Tolerance.

- The “New Tolerance” Versus The “Old Tolerance” (D.A. Carson Book, “The Intolerance Of Tolerance”)
- How Did We Get Here?
- The Real Cause Of The “New Tolerance.” **Ephesians 6:11-12.**
- This “New Tolerance” Hurts What Is Actually Truth, & Us Too! **Acts 21:33-34; Mark 12:28-32.**
- This “New Tolerance” Blurs The Lines Of Truth And Error Thrives....

II. When Should Christians Be Tolerant?

- Jesus Is Our Example And Pattern For How And When To Be Tolerant- **1 Peter 2:21.**
- Tolerant Enough To Seek Peace With All Men- **Matthew 5:9; Hebrews 12:14; Romans 12:18.**
- Tolerant Enough To Love Our Enemies & Do Good To Them- **Matt. 5:38-43; Rom. 12:19-21.**
- Tolerant Enough Of The Disobedient, Unbelievers, & False Teachers To Not Threaten, Harm, Or Do Any Violence To Them- **Luke 9:51-56; Matthew 13:36-42 (vs. 30); 15:14.**
- Christians Can Tolerate Views God Has Not Regulated- **Romans 14:1-23.**
- Christians Can Tolerate The Weak In The Faith- **1 Corinthians 8:11; 8:7: 8:1.**
- This Requires:
 - (1) Patience. (2) Gentleness. (3) Humility. (4) Teaching & Admonishing. (5) Wisdom.
 - **Matthew 11:29; 2 Timothy 2:24-25; James 3:17-18.**

III. When Should Christians Be Intolerant?

- Jesus Is Our Example Of Intolerance- **John 2:13-17; Matthew 21:12.**
- Jesus Was Not Tolerant Of False Teachers- **Matthew 7:15; Matthew 23; Mark 12:27.**
- We Cannot Tolerate False Teaching- **Ephesians 5:10-11; Galatians 2:4-5.**
 - What Happens When We Tolerate False Teaching? **Galatians 5:9.**
- We Must Be Intolerant Of Christians Who Will Not Repent- **1 Cor. 5:1-10; 2 Thess. 3:14-15.**
- We Must Be Intolerant Of The “Divisive Man”- **Titus 3:10-11.**
- We Must Be Intolerant Of Evil Influences- **Revelation 2:18-20; 1 Corinthians 5:6.**
- This Requires:
 - (1) Knowing The Truth. (2) Loving The Truth. (3) Standing For The Truth.
 - **Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; Proverbs 23:23; Jude 3-4.**

IV. The Consequences Of Standing Firm.

- We May Be Called Names: “Bigots” “Haters” “Mean-Spirited” “Backward.” **Matthew 5:11.**
- We May Be Hated By All Men, But Approved Of God- **John 15:18; 2 Timothy 4:7-8.**