

# Peacemaking Where I Live

Emptied, That I May Be Filled  
Part 5

# Choosing the Right Standard



**Who is wise and understanding among you?** By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the **wisdom from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. – James 3:13-17

# Choosing the Right Standard

- The Wrong Choice: What Comes From Below
  - **Earthly:** Belonging to the earthly sphere
  - **Unspiritual:** Behavior more like Earth than Heaven
  - **Demonic:** Resembling a demon
- Results of the Wrong Choice:
  - **Bitter Jealousy:** Red hot, acrid feeling toward others
  - **Selfish Ambition:** Seeking a following



# Choosing the Right Standard

- The Right Choice: What Comes From Above



- Pure: Uncontaminated
- Peaceable: Disposed to peace; loving peace
- Gentle: Truly fair; no overly strict conditions
- Reasonable: Easy to come to terms with
- Merciful: Demonstrates compassion
- Good: Good natured; kind
- Impartial: Whole-hearted; without uncertainty
- Sincere: Without hypocrisy

# Choosing the Right Standard

- The Right Choice: What Comes From Above
  - Pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, merciful, good, impartial, sincere
- Result of the Right Choice: Peace
  - And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. – James 3:18

# Peacemaking Where I Live

- In My Home

- Recognizing God's design

- Husbands: Love (x3); Live in Understanding Way; Honor
    - Wives: Submit (x2); Respect; Obey; be Subject

- Rejecting God's design

- Bitter jealousy, selfish ambition

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, **there will be disorder** and every vile practice. – James 3:16



# Peacemaking Where I Live

- In My Home
  - Recognizing God's design
    - Husbands: Love (x3); Live in Understanding Way; Honor
    - Wives: Submit (x2); Respect; Obey; be Subject
  - Applying Wisdom From Above
    - Result: Peace!

Peaceable

Merciful

Gentle

Reasonable

Good

Sincere

Pure

And a harvest of  
righteousness **is sown in**  
**peace** by those who make  
peace. – James 3:18

Impartial



# Peacemaking Where I Live

- In My Home

- Recognizing God's design for parents/children

- Parents: Bring up children in training of the Lord

- Children: Obey parents

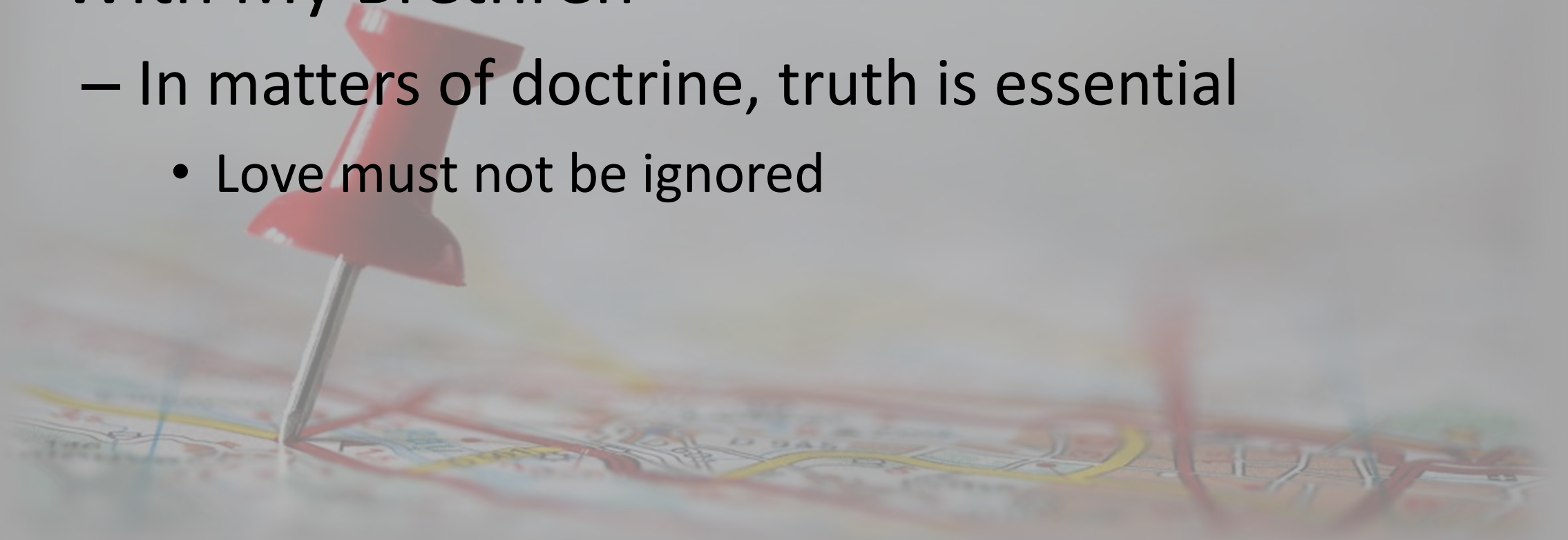
- Choice of standard makes a difference

- Earthly: Disorder

- From Above: Peace

# Peacemaking Where I Live

- With My Brethren
  - In matters of doctrine, truth is essential
    - Love must not be ignored



So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. – Ephesians 4:14-16



# Peacemaking Where I Live

- With My Brethren

- In matters of conscience, love must be shown

- So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. – Romans 14:19

- Choice of standard will have consequences

- Earthly: Bitter jealousy, self-ambition

- From Above: Peace



# Peacemaking Where I Live

- In My Public Presence
  - Conduct in place of employment
    - Choice of standard will have consequences
  - My “face” in social media
    - Which standard is evident in my posts?
      - Sowing disorder?
      - Sowing peace?

Pure  
Peaceable  
Gentle  
Reasonable  
Merciful  
Good  
Impartial  
Sincere  
--OR--  
Bitter Jealousy  
Selfish Ambition

known unto all men. <sup>a</sup>The Lord is  
at hand. \*

6 <sup>a</sup>Be careful for nothing, but  
in every thing by prayer and sup-  
plication with <sup>b</sup>thanksgiving let  
your requests be made known unto  
God. \*

7 <sup>a</sup>And the peace of God, which  
passeth all understanding, shall  
keep your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesus. \*

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