When I Think I'm Right

We all have opinions on issues we feel strongly about. Whether social, political, or religious, it is easy to become convinced that the way we perceive an issue is the one and only correct way. Many a feud has been started due to opposing opinions, many a family have become estranged, many a country gone to war, and sadly, many a church has been split asunder.

The bible has much to say about our opinions and how we should handle them. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise." (Proverbs 12:15). The sacred word teaches that those who stubbornly hold their opinions are acting foolishly and to consider both sides of a matter is wise. The opinionated fool refuses to listen to reason and learn that there are other views in the world and some may very well be alright even though they may disagree. "A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart." (Proverbs 18:2)

For the Christian, it is not only wise, but necessary to consider all opinions on any matter, even sinful ones. How better to defend against the devil than to have a better understanding of the behavior in question? Also, a good dose of humility will go a long way when we find ourselves at odds with each other over differing opinions. For the sake of unity in the body of Christ, we must do as the old prophet said, *"Come now, and let us reason together."* (*Isaiah 1:18*)

"Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion." (Romans 12:16)

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