

## WHEN I DON'T AGREE??

### WHAT do I do as a church member when I do NOT agree with a decision made by the church leaders?

1. **EXPECT** decisions about which you will not agree. This does not necessarily mean they are wrong. As long as there are **two** people in the world, **expect** varying opinions.
2. **COMMIT THEM** to God as Sovereign. God can do **more** with a situation than you can. Do you believe **He answers prayer**? If so, take the situation to **Him alone**. Psalm 5:3
3. **ORDER SPECIAL "GRACE"** that God can "make" for **you**. These situations are a part of God stretching **your** heart and allowing the "graces" of the Holy Spirit to be imparted in your life. 2 Corinthians 9:8
4. **THANK GOD** for allowing the situation. Prayer in "**thanksgiving**" is the **key** that can solve **every** problem. 1 Thessalonians 4:18
  - a. When we no longer say, "**Why God?**" but "**What is it** you are trying to teach me?" You are tapping the **key to the solution** to **any** area that may not be to your liking.
  - b. God is in the business of **conforming us to the image of His Son** and will use all kinds of situations to teach us humility and submission to the "**mind of Christ.**" Philippians 2:1-11
5. **RECOGNIZE THE DIVINE AUTHORITY** in the church. If you or the majority elected certain people to positions as **leaders**, **you must** then **accept** their decisions as **from God**, understanding that **God can change their hearts and minds** if there is a need for adjustment or even the possibility of error. Psalm 37:4-5
  - a. Do you not believe that if a situation needs to be adjusted, God can do a "mighty good" job **without your "help"**? In fact, your "*help*" will turn into "**interference.**"
  - b. When greatly exercised about a matter, go to the proper **leaders**, share your thoughts **in love** and **then commit** the entire situation to God **without** initiating or getting involved **in any way**, yourself or with others in something that could become potentially **divisive** to the entire congregation. "Rights" or "wrongs" are **not** the issue. What you allow it to do to **you** is the **real** problem you must **deal with.**
  - c. Beware of the **sin of judging motives** when decisions are made. **Full facts** are generally **not known** by those who "**take up**" the "offense" in such problems. Learn to **continually accept decisions** from **leaders** as those above you in the body of Christ. Hebrews 13:17
  - d. Beware of the "**contamination**" of the **sin** of taking up an offense of someone **you "feel"** was not treated "properly." Your family and many others in the church will be **seriously "tainted"** simply because you did so. Also, what about the tragedy of "wasted" days, months, and even years that can never be reclaimed because of wrong relationships with God and with each other. Ephesians 4:30

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