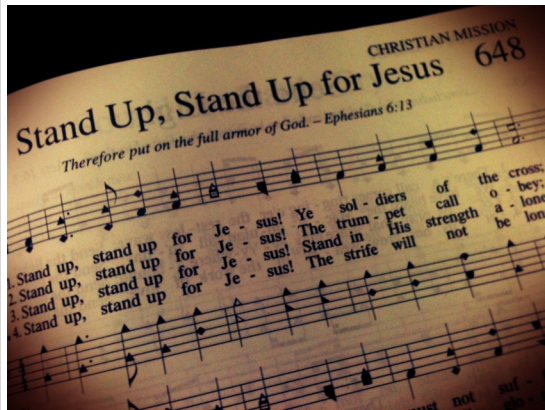


The Spirit of Conviction



One of the true Marks of Maturity is manifesting the "Spirit of Conviction." We live in a time when the loudest voices seem to get their way. The name calling and critical accusations have led many corporations and individuals to go along with things that do not feel is right. The Spirit of Conviction is missing in many churches and within many homes today.

The Attributes of Biblical Conviction:

1. Strong personal _____ that is built upon _____ (Rom 14:5)
2. _____ Confidence
3. C_____ to that confidence
4. P_____ about that confidence
5. Willingness to stand _____ and face whatever _____
6. Knowing that if you draw a line with the Lord, you will make _____
7. A faith that realizes that when I stand with God, I am never _____
8. Understanding that what I believe is _____ right

Conviction Coupled with Gentleness

- C_____ with gentleness (Gal 6:1)
- With gentleness correcting those who are in opposition (2 Tim 2:25)
- Making a _____ with gentleness (1 Pet 3:15)

- Psalms 16:8 I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be _____.
- 2 Tim 1:12 "For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am _____ that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.
- Eph 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to _____ against the schemes of the devil."
- Galatians 2:5 "But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an _____, so that the truth of the Gospel would remain with you."

Examples of Biblical Conviction:

- Moses' parents (Heb 11:23): they were not _____
- Moses (Heb 11:24): _____
- Peter (Acts 5:27-29): We must _____ God
- Three Jewish men (Dan 3:18) We will _____ serve your gods
- Daniel (Dan 6:10) Daniel _____...Daniel _____ praying

1. In our times, if one doesn't accept and go along with others, they are immediately called a "bigot." How does one deal with that?
2. This is "Pride" month. It's everywhere. What does a Christian do?
3. How does one stand up to the pressures in a family?
4. How does one develop strong convictions?
5. How does a lack of confidence and knowledge hurt your convictions?
6. What are some of the difficult things you face?