



“If you continue in My word, then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

Agree With Your Adversary Quickly!

Matthew 5:25-26 “Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.”

Here we are exhorted by Jesus to make things right or agreeable with our adversary while we have opportunity and before he decides to hand us over to the judge where we may not find our fate to be as agreeable as had we been able to work it out beforehand. An adversary is simply someone who opposes us or resists us in a matter. The obvious surface application of this verse would indicate the adversary to be another person whom we have offended, but Satan is also referred to as our Adversary (1 Peter 5:8) and isn't God Himself our 'adversary' when we refuse to humble ourselves in a matter? (James 4:6) We will look at all three applications.

According to Proverbs 13:10, what is the cause of all strife and contention here on earth? _____

If that is the cause, what is the remedy for our friction and discord with those around us, and how does Jesus' command to us in these verses exemplify this? _____

What does Eccl 10:4 teach us that we can apply to these verses? _____

In Genesis 13 there was strife between Abraham and Lot and their herdsmen. Abraham had a

beautiful response to the situation that brought an end to the difficulty. What can we learn from this, and especially from God's response to Abraham in Gen. 13:14-17? _____

In Scripture we are told to resist the Devil, but is it ever appropriate to agree with him? _____

If we agree with what is true in what the Devil says, what should we do next? _____

According to James 4:6, when does God become our adversary? _____

What is the remedy given to us in James 4:10 for when we find God to be our adversary and what does it look like to take that remedy? _____

How would the Beatitudes be the answer for someone who is dealing with an adversary? _____

Are You a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Do you make it a habit to humble yourself and “own” your failures when confronted by an adversary or do you stiffen yourself and focus on the things they say that you know aren't true?
2. Do you see the hand of God in allowing adversaries to arise in your life or do you focus on the people and their issues and problems?



Doers of the Word

What did God speak to me today?

Further Study: Prov 16:14, Prov 25:8-10

“...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

