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Dissonant Opinions/Harmonious Truth?

There are some of “us” among God’s remnant who cherish the opportunity to share our opinions with others in every conversation that may arise, whether elicited or not. Some revere their opinions so highly, even to the point of their own self-destruction.

Do you or I possibly fit into this category? Does our self-pride, and non-yielding opinions sometimes keep us from the Spiritual wisdom that is needed to discern what truly constitutes a “Genuine Christian character?”

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

What does this mean for us?

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Prov. 16:25

Counsel from God's inspired servant

“Righteousness is right doing. No man can be righteous who is not a right doer. In the past God's people have been reprov'd for wrong-doing by prophets sent by God, but in many instances they refused the message and the messenger, claiming to be right or righteous, and not in need of the warning or correction...

Many are led astray by trusting to impressions, this is never a safe course. A self-satisfied spirit is no surety or evidence of being right'...” {emphasis provided}.”¹

Sort of right, kind of right, maybe right, is NOT RIGHT, nor is it BIBLE TRUTH, no matter how good we feel about, and revere our own opinions. God's Harmonious Truth always trumps our feelings, and suppositions!

Some remedial teachings

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the truth, and the

¹ D. H. Kress, M. D. The Spirit of Prophecy in the Church, “Advent Review and Sabbath Herald,” Aug. 6, 1906.

life..." ² Not my opinion!

John said, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy Word is truth." ³ Not my opinion!

The Psalmist said, "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth." ⁴ Not my opinion!

Sin is transgression of the law, ⁵ no matter what the degree of transgression.

If we are not being led by God's Spirit through the Word of Bible Truth; daily overcoming known sin, we can become an "Achan" ⁶ in the camp of God's remnant people, derailing the Heaven-sent mission God has for His Church- moving forward and making disciples for His kingdom!

When God's Spirit is truly moving among His people, we will lose sight of self-opinion, self-righteousness, and be convicted of the atrocity of sin in our lives and ask Jesus to cleanse "US" from ALL unrighteousness. ⁷

² John 14:6

³ John 17:17

⁴ Psalms 119:142

⁵ I John 3:4

⁶ Joshua 7:1, 11-21

⁷ John 16: 7-14; I John 1:7-9

Music lesson

Consonant and dissonant chords both play an important role in traditional Western music, {as opposed to atonal compositions which in most cases have no tonal center}. The “V” and/or “V7” chord, {dominant chord built on the 5th degree of both major and minor scales} when played always causes tension to build within a musical competition, {as they are supposed to} therefore requiring resolution.

When following the natural progression melodically, and harmonically the “V” and/or “V7” chord will lead back to the “I” or “tonic” chord, completing a “perfect authentic cadence.”

Heaven is the final goal of Christians, and Jesus is the **One** who who leads us there. At no time should there be *dissonant chords* causing tension among His people. We should daily strive to be of **ONE ACCORD**, harmoniously building UP God’s kingdom, then will God’s “Remnant People” be sweet, melodious music to the communities around us, and to all of whom we come in contact with.



