

Non-Negotiables of a Disciple

Part I- The Words of Jesus

Matthew 10

Introduction

- Many things in life are negotiable (list some)
- Some things are not negotiable (list some)
- Matthew 10 contains some non-negotiables of a disciple
 - a. In verse 24, Jesus begins with a cultural axiom (something that is obviously true and needs no proof): a disciple is not a _____ his teacher, neither is a slave a _____ his master.
 - b. Those who have trusted Christ are His d _____ and slaves.
 - c. Jesus is the perfect teacher and master. Therefore, we must view His w _____ as non-negotiable
 - 1) Jesus's words are the Father's words and are t _____ (Jn 12:49,50; 17:17)
 - 2) His words contain p _____ to set us free from sin (Jn 8:31,32)
 - 3) Trusting in His word s _____ us (i.e. sets us apart from the world - Jn 17:17).
 - 4) The Bible is the words of Jesus to us. (See sheet on back table about how we know the Bible to be the record of God's revelation to us)

T _____ must never undermine biblical authority

- What did Jesus have to say about this? – Matt 15:3-9
- Name a common tradition that has caused believers to violate scripture -
- How are “disciples” to handle changes in tradition? – in the spirit of l _____ and u _____ (Jn 13:35; 15:12).

Human p _____ must never undermine biblical authority

- Human philosophy is seeking wisdom apart from the r _____ of God.
- What does the Bible have to say about this? – Col 2:8
- Jesus showed that the Sadducees' philosophy of no resurrection

of the dead caused them to not u_____ the Scriptures and to deny the power of God (Matt 22:25-29).

- The philosophy of e_____ has deceived many Christians.
 1. Evolution teaches that all of life had its origin in one single-c_____ organism; but God tells us that He created things to multiply after their k_____ - Gen 1:20-28.
 2. Science by definition requires o_____ and experimentation. (Evolution has never been observed or reproduced).

C_____ must never undermine biblical authority

- What did Jesus say about a culture where Jews and Samaritans h_____ one another? (Lk 10:29-37)
 1. Believer's should never participate in racial t_____
 2. Jesus commanded us to make d_____ of all ethnic groups
 3. In Christ, the d_____ wall between races is removed (Eph 2:12-14)
- Culture has moved many Christians to deviate from God's s_____ standards (Heb 13:4 and Matt 19:4-6)
- Culture has moved some Christians to approve of a _____ which is the taking of a human life (see Ex 21:22,23).

Conclusion:

Tradition is negotiable; philosophy is debatable; cultural standards will always change. But for the disciple, the Bible (Jesus's words) is non-negotiable. Submit yourself to His word!