

Shalom! Welcome to this Bible teaching.

God's Word warns us clearly in **1 Timothy 6:20 (NKJV)**:

“O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge.”

One of the most destructive things to faith and ministry is **religious competition and debates**. Any form of religious rivalry is not from God but is often inspired by **Satan himself**, the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

HOW DO RELIGIOUS ARGUMENTS START?

Often, these conflicts begin with **prideful knowledge**. When someone believes they know more than others or feels others aren't practicing faith "correctly," it can lead to **arrogance**, and eventually to **divisive debates**.

As the Bible says:

“We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.”

— 1 Corinthians 8:1 (NKJV)

COMMON MODERN RELIGIOUS DEBATES (FUELED BY THE ENEMY)

These include:

- Christianity vs. Islam
- Debating whether Jesus is truly God
- Disputes over the correct day of worship: Sunday or Saturday

- Arguments about eating pork

- Debates about which denomination is the “true” one

Such arguments dominate Christian spaces today. People argue from morning to night, each trying to prove they’re right—yet **no one repents**, no one leaves transformed, and there is **no fruit of the Spirit** (Galatians 5:22-23).

Instead, such conversations breed:

- Anger

- Division

- Insults

- Mockery
- Resentment
- Even physical fights

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT THIS?

The Bible strongly warns against engaging in fruitless debates.

“Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.”
— 2 Timothy 2:14 (NKJV)

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO ARGUE?

When you’re sharing a biblical truth and the other person begins to

argue or resist:

- Respond **with humility and gentleness**
- Avoid being provoked
- **Don't respond with insults or pride**
- Let your attitude reflect Christ

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

— 1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

When people see your calm and respectful manner, they are more likely

to listen. Even if they don't agree immediately, the **Holy Spirit may convict them later.**

But if you respond pridefully, trying to “win” the argument, you may spark a fire that leads to no resolution—only bitterness.

GOD IS NOT IN CONFUSION

“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

— 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV)

Whenever there is chaos, shouting, or anger in a so-called “Bible discussion,” be sure: **God is not in it.**

BEWARE OF SATAN'S AGENTS

Some people are not genuinely seeking truth. They are **sent by the enemy** to provoke, discredit, or trap faithful believers. These individuals stir up debates not to learn but to destroy reputations and

cause division.

The Bible advises:

“But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.”

— Titus 3:9 (NKJV)

When such people persist in stirring up conflict, it’s acceptable to walk away and refuse to engage.

THE LORD’S SERVANT MUST BE DIFFERENT

“But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth...”

— 2 Timothy 2:23-25 (NKJV)

Avoid engaging in:

- Competitive religious arguments
- Endless doctrinal debates
- Bible verse “battles”
- Discussions that lead to anger or division

Instead, focus on **loving, peaceful, Spirit-led conversations** that lead to **edification, truth, and transformation.**

Let us pray for wisdom and humility as we engage others in the truth of God’s Word.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

— Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)

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