

The Cure for Fighting by Greg Gwin

A common complaint of parents is the frequent fussing and fighting that occurs between their children. The scenario typically develops like this: one starts it all with an unkind word or deed, the other responds in kind, and the fight is on. Before it is over, the words have become meaner, the blows have become harder, and tempers have flared higher. Usually these serious fights result over some amazingly petty and insignificant things. And, or course, there's always the "tattling" and accusations concerning who is at fault. All in all, it is a pretty ugly thing. Spiritual brothers often exhibit the same propensity for fighting. The similarities are truly striking! Think about it: it's usually started by an unkind word or deed; words become harsher; tempers get involved; it is usually over something that is very insignificant; there's always the name calling and finger pointing coupled with gossip and rumoring. All in all, it is a pretty ugly thing. The important 'bottom line' is that God commands us to be better than this. That goes for our relationships in the family and in the church. Parents hope that the problems with their children will be overcome with teaching and maturity. It is certain that problems among brethren can only be avoided in the same way. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love." (Romans 12: 10). Think!



Bible Questions



Who was the author of the book of Acts?

Who was referred to as "The disciple whom Jesus loved"?

Gods Plan Of Salvation Hear Romans 10:17, Believe John 8:24, Repent Luke 13:3 Confess Romans 10:9-10, Baptism Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful Revelation 2:10



It Needs No Change

- by Greg Gwin

The men who wrote the Constitution of the United States have long been praised for their wisdom and foresight. The words they penned have served as the basis for the laws of this land for over 200 years, and have needed relatively few changes or additions. This is indeed remarkable when we view the governments and laws of most other nations in a constant state of change. Far more amazing than this, is the law of Christ. Written nearly 2000 years ago, it continues today to provide us with "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). It is a "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). No change has ever been, or ever will be needed in it. Its own pages contain warnings to those who would attempt to alter its commands (Galatians 1:8,9; 2 John 9,10; Revelation 22:18,19). Let us learn to appreciate the beauty and perfection of God's word, and strive to live and worship according to its precepts

Did You Know?

by Roger Shouse

That the apostles never used food, games or social activities to draw a crowd so they could preach to them? Yet in many churches today, even some calling themselves "Church of Christ," the social programs are so extensive that a social director or a "youth minister" must be hired to oversee the social planning. Although schools existed in the first century, and the apostle Paul even taught in one for 2 years (Acts 19:9,10), no churches ever supported them financially? Yet in many churches today, even some calling themselves "Church of Christ," the financial supporting of "Christian schools" or "Colleges" is a regular part of the budget. That the apostle Paul illustrated many of his epistles with analogies from sporting events (1 Cor. 9:24,25). Yet no church sponsored or had sporting teams? Yet in many churches today, even some calling themselves "Church of Christ," the sporting activities are so much a part of the work that full scale gyms have been built. If these things mentioned above were not a part of the early church and we do not find them in the Bible, WHY are churches doing them today? And who gave them the RIGHT to do it? These things ought not to be! "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17). - by Roger Shouse