

Truth and Consequences

In our supposedly enlightened and progressive society, we're taught that truth and morality are relative, that all lifestyle choices are equally legitimate, and that failing to actively support this philosophy (let alone speaking out against it) is an act of hate. But here's the truth. Disagreeing with someone is NOT synonymous with hating them...

I actually wrote those lines for a different article over a year ago, but they bear repeating in light of recent events. Charlie Kirk was accused of "hate speech" for daring to openly disagree with the current progressive narrative. For this he paid with his life. So who actually acted with hate? Was it the man who respectfully engaged with college kids about the issues of the day? Or was it the one who shot him in cold blood, along with those who callously celebrate the assassination of a brilliant young man with so much to contribute, a husband, a father, a Christian? Once again, some who shout loudest for tolerance have proved how intolerant they are themselves.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead... I give you this charge: Preach the Word... correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn... away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

There are indeed a great many nowadays who refuse to put up with sound doctrine, some going to evil extremes to silence the voice of truth. There are also plenty of "teachers" ready to tell people what they want to hear: that they are justified in believing and doing as they please. Yet the mission for those who are faithful to God remains the same: *to preach the Word with great patience and careful instruction*. From what I understand, that's a fair description of Charlie Kirk's ministry, and what he might charge us to continue in his stead.

I thought the above passage particularly fitting because Paul wrote this to Timothy by way of passing the torch, when he believed his own ministry and life were coming to an end. He continued, *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day...* Rest in peace, Charlie Kirk.

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