



**Living With and Loving People  
With Different Political Views**

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**Series Review:**

**Part One:** The Truth About Voting and Politics: The Responsibility of Government (Part 1)

**Part Two:** The Truth About Christian Triumphalism (When Christians Want to Take Over)

**Part Three:** The Truth About Lying To Yourself (Why we Lie to Ourselves During Political Seasons)

**Part Four:** The Truth About Dealing With People With Different Political Views

**Big Question:** What is your strategy for dealing with people who see the world differently?

**Side Question:** Are you clear that your choices could have a positive or negative effect on others. It can defile **many** people if not managed properly (v15)

**Hebrews 12:14–15 (NIV):** 14 Make every **effort** to live in **peace** with **everyone** and to be **holy**; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one **falls short** of the grace of God and that no **bitter root** grows up to cause trouble and **defile many**

**I. Three Positive Goals**

1. Make every effort to live in **peace** with everyone (v14)
2. Make every effort to be **holy or set apart to God in your lifestyle** (v14)
3. Make every effort to not **defile** others because of the eternal consequences (v14, **without holiness** no one will see the Lord)

**II. Three Negative Concerns**

1. Some may **fall short** of the grace of God (v15)
2. Some could develop a **bitter root** (v15)
3. Some could ignore this warning and **defile many** (v15, **COVID-19 has given this a new meaning**)

**Note: The Message Version:** Hebrews 12:14-15

**14 Work at getting along with each other** and with God (*or be holy*). Otherwise you'll never get so much as a **glimpse of God**.

15 Make sure **no one gets left out of God's generosity (or grace)**. Keep a sharp eye out for **weeds of bitter discontent**. A thistle or two gone to seed can ruin a whole garden in no time.

**III. Three Things You Should Refuse**

1. Refuse to believe in **Triumphalism** (The view that you should conquer all those around you)
2. Refuse to allow a root of **bitterness** to grow in your heart
3. Refuse to deny people the right to **disagree** with you



**Question: What personally affects my decision to vote?**

1. I sometimes vote for people who do not agree with me (If it helps the vast majority)
2. I sometimes vote for people who are not Christian (Everything is not a theological issue)
3. I try to vote for the person who is the best servant-leader
  - I try to vote for the person who is repentant and reachable because all leaders makes mistakes
4. I always pray and ask for God's guidance, but **I always name the animals, like Adam**
  - Genesis 2:19–20 (NIV): 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. **He brought them to the man to see what he would name them;** and **whatever** the man called each living creature, **that** was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

**Conclusion:**

#### **IV. Six Tough Questions You Want Me to Honestly Answer**

1. What about **abortion**?
2. What about **gay rights**?
3. What about the right to **bear arms**?
4. What about the right to **legally use drugs**?
5. What about the need to pollute or protect the **environment**?
6. What about the **right** to do whatever you want to do? (Fill in the Blank)?

#### **V. Five Thoughts about These Tough Issues**

**Question: What is your plan to deal with people who disagree with you about these issues?**

1. **Abortion:** Are there exceptions and who determines those exceptions?
  - **Note:** [Click here to view an informative video on abortion](#)
2. **Gay Rights:** How do I engage people who have same sex appetites? (Do I write them off?)
3. **Bear Arms:** Does my right to carry a gun (which I believe in) have any boundaries?
4. **Legalized Drugs:** What is the best plan that does not entrap more people?
  - **Note:** (Prohibition Era 1920-1933, made the manufacturing, sales, and transport of alcohol illegal in the United States according to the 18th Amendment)
5. **Environment:** What is the true condition of the world that we are leaving to our children?

**Next Time: Learning to Live With Just Me** (Learn How to Manage Isolation)

**Big Question:** Can you work with less than you planned for and be ok?