



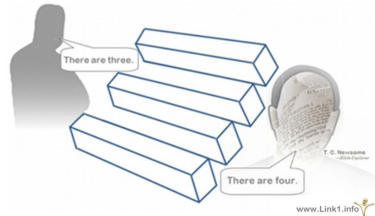
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## — “To Agree or To Disagree” —

That is certainly a question most of us ask ourselves from time to time. If we disagree, will that make the other person angry? Will it hurt their feelings? Will it destroy their self confidence? Even worse, will it diminish their faith in God? You'll agree that those are valid questions, but what are the answers to them? Better, what are the Bible answers? Is it okay to disagree with fellow Christians? Is it okay to express your disagreement with your pastor?

Within the visible church, the answer to that last question may very well be "No." But within The Church, the playing field is level: Instruction, correction, reproof and occasional rebuke are clearly reciprocal. No room, here, to cite the supporting scriptures, but you can find them. Meanwhile, here's something to chew on:



If you were president of a major corporation, would you be more or less effective if all the executives you were to select for the most important direct-report positions were always inclined to agree with you?...Then we agree! That's precisely why I've published this affirmation multiple times since 2006—

> From those who're inclined to always agree with me, I learn not much, but from those who explain why they disagree, I learn volumes!

Want to empower a friend to be the very best they can be? Disagree with them once in a while. But always explain why.



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