

# Evangelism 5 - Truth and Love

Message Study Notes for 1st August 2021

Read **2nd Timothy 2 verses 23 to 25.**

Paul says be kind to everyone and gently instruct them. Yet it's easy to go to extremes of either an aggressive stand for truth, or be afraid and back out of conflict.

**How do you stop going to extremes?**

Read **2nd Corinthians 10 verses 3 to 5.**

**Apart from physical violence, what ways might we be tempted to 'wage war as the world does'?**

Some parts of our culture are outside the will of Christ.

**Which parts, in what way?**

We are to demolish thoughts and opinions in our culture, ideas etc.

**How can we do that without attacking the people who hold to those thoughts and opinions?**

People are not the enemy. It is the thoughts themselves we war against.

**Read Colossians 4 verses 5 and 6.**

Salt brings flavour and helps to preserve.

**In what ways can we season our conversations to make the outcome better, not worse?**

People have many reasons for NOT wanting to go further in considering Jesus.

**Can you think of any reasons?**

We said, 'Talk to others about Jesus, wherever you can. Use questions. If people get aggressive, and yet you respond consistently with gentleness and grace, that's a win not a loss. Offer the grace of Christ in the moment.'

**Pray together that each person can plant seeds, with gentleness and grace.**