

In this talk I will look at selective areas and note that the three concepts of Ephesians 4:30-32 will enable us to have health in most areas.

II. Discussion

A. Matters of Doctrine

1. We have no fellowship with apostates and heretics. They are determined as those who have left the faith or those who have brought something to the faith that destroys the essential message.
2. But degrees of difference in doctrinal teaching may be a matter of misunderstanding or a mistaken idea. Total agreement on all things will not happen so in this sort of case we continue to study, encourage one another, avoid taking evil attitudes or speaking harmfully. This is a thorny issue and I will try to discuss it with some illustrative material. But if one uses the three Ephesian ideals it will save a lot of friction and still allow us to teach what we believe.

B. Matters of personal ill:

1. The Ephesian material will settle it for us if we are willing to have it settled but, beyond that,
2. The formula of Matthew 18:15 and following (seeing also Lukel7:4)
3. And in personal matters, do not be quick to take offense and try not to give it. When you are hurt, say so---don't brood and make matters worse; when you are approached with something unpleasant, be gracious. Seek to build, not to tear down. Ask yourself which of the Ephesian concepts you can give up and not harm the body.

C. Matters of Attitude

1. Master Romans 14 and remember who is the One who holds all the accounts