

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1003: How Do I Provoke in a Good Way?

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1. What are the different definitions for the word “provoke”?
Does the act of provoking usually have more to do with logic or emotion?
2. What was the basis of the debate about the necessity for circumcision described in Acts?
What thoughts did Peter and Barnabas have on this matter? How was the debate resolved? (See Acts 15:1-2,6-8,12,22-23)
3. What techniques did the early church use to settle this disagreement?
How can we apply these techniques to our own disputes?
4. What was the subject of the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15:36-40?
How did they resolve things and continue in their work? How do we know Paul did not escalate this conflict? (See Acts 15:36-40, Colossians 4:10-11, 2 Timothy 4:11)
5. How can we use Paul’s example in handling our own serious disagreements?
6. What is Paul’s message to the Hebrew Christians?
How does he provoke them in a positive way? (See Hebrews 10:24)
7. What are the differences between the faithfulness of Moses and the faithfulness of Jesus? Why was God so upset with the Jews after they were delivered out of Egypt?
What behavior on our part today would be equally exasperating to God? What are the steps we can take daily to avoid provoking God’s anger towards us? (See Hebrews 3:1-19)
8. What is the biblical advice for fathers regarding provoking their children? How can positive provocation help our children to grow? What method did Paul use to encourage and stimulate others towards godly behavior? (See Colossians 3:18-22, Ephesians 6:1-4, 2 Corinthians 9:1-7)
9. How did the Jews injure themselves because of their anger and jealousy towards Jesus? What were the consequences for the Jewish nation because of their rejection of Jesus? How can negative provocation rebound to hurt us? (See Romans 10:18-20, 11:11-14)
10. What is the only proper way for a Christian to provoke someone? What is the purpose of this type of provocation? What changes will you make in your own life and interaction with others?