

## Lost in Translation Week 6-Tolerance

English definition:

Allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one does not necessarily like or agree with) without interference.

Synonyms:

Let, permit, allow, put up with, suffer

### Let's talk position

Cultural tolerance:

Cultural tolerance refers to the recognition, acceptance, and respect of differences in cultures, traditions, beliefs, and practices. It involves understanding that people from diverse backgrounds may have varying customs and values and choosing to coexist peacefully with these differences. Rather than merely tolerating others, cultural tolerance emphasizes mutual respect and the idea that diversity can enrich society. By fostering an environment of inclusion, it helps reduce prejudice, and discrimination, promotes social harmony, reduces conflict, and builds cohesive communities where individuals feel valued, regardless of their cultural heritage.

Cultural tolerance has become less about permitting, letting and allowing, and is more about accepting, approving and agreeing

Cultural tolerance is accepting, approving and agreeing with who I am, what I believe, and what I do. If you don't tolerate me then you don't love me, you are bigoted, small minded, and judgmental...

### Let's get practical

#### Judging

Often times Christians get labeled as judgmental when they aren't being "tolerant"...

"Who are you to judge me?"

"Who made you the judge?"

"Only God can judge me"

"Judge not lest you be judged"

#### Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

Jesus is talking about not judging someone in a hypocritical way. He is saying before you judge someone else, first make sure you deal with your garbage first.

## **Corinthians 5:9-13 (NLT)**

There is a big difference on how we handle those outside the church (or the faith), and how we handle those inside.

## **John 1:14 and 17 (NIV) -**

***The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth...***

-Grace without truth is passivism

-Truth without grace is legalism

**We must show grace and stand firm in the faith**

**1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV) - *Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.***

**Let's make is personal**

## **2 Corinthians 11:3-4 (NASB)**

What are things you have become tolerant of?

Either that you are doing or that someone else is doing?

What are some acceptable sins you have allowed in your life?

-We will not add to the cross and we will not take away from the cross

-We will not add to the gospel and we will not take away from the gospel

-We will not tolerate any view or lifestyle that is contrary to what God tells us through His word.

**We will show grace and stand firm in the faith**

-We will call sin *sin* and we will not tolerate a brother or sister living a life of sin

Sin is a big deal. God hates sin. God will not tolerate sin. God sacrificed His own Son because of how much He hates sin. He also shows how much He loves us...Grace and truth



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