

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58

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“Understanding Expediency – Part 1”

An expediency is heaven's aid to Biblical fulfillment. Expediency is the answer to the question: “How do we carry out a Biblical command in the absent of specific instructions from God?” In order for something to be expedient, then it must meet all 5 of these Biblical qualifications (We will address 3 in this article & the remaining 2 next week...Lord willing):

It Must Be Lawful First (1 Corinthians 10:23a)

“All things are lawful’, but not all things are helpful...”

For something to be lawful, the Bible must provide a direct command/statement, apostolic/approved example, or necessary inference/implication. In order for an item to be expedient, it must aid in the fulfillment of what is lawful. If there is no law, then it cannot be practiced as being expedient.

It Cannot Add To Or Take Away From Established Authority (Proverbs 30:5-6)

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

Whatever we practice as being expedient, it cannot add to, take away from, or replace established Biblical authority. If God tells us what to do & how to do it, then there is no room for expediency. We must understand there is a difference between an “aid” & an “addition.” Aaron Erhardt in his book, “The Sim-

ple Truth” writes, “*It is important for us to understand the difference between aids & additions. Aids help in fulfilling the command, without changing the nature of the command. Additions, on the other hand, change the very nature of the command.*”

It Cannot Be Expressly Stated In Scripture Already

This is necessarily inferred because if it is directly stated in Scripture, it is a command & cannot be an aid in fulfilling the command.

-MORE NEXT WEEK!

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