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INSANE INTOLERANCE!

TEXT: 2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Mark 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, **It shall be more tolerable** for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Genesis 4:13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My **punishment is greater than I can bear.**

Numbers 14:26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
27 **How long shall I bear** with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.
36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,
37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

Jeremiah 44:22 So that **the LORD could no longer bear**, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation...

Proverbs 30:21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four **which it cannot bear:**

22 For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity **suffereth long...**

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt **not hate** thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, **and not suffer sin upon him.**

Revelation 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and **how thou canst not bear them which are evil:** and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, **because thou**

sufferest that woman Jezebel...

1 Timothy 2:12 But **I suffer not** a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

1 Corinthians 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

Psalms 97:10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil...

INTOLERANT:

"**Not enduring** difference of opinion or worship; **refusing to tolerate** others in the enjoyment of their opinions, rights and worship." (*Webster's Dictionary*, 1828)

TOLERATE:

"To suffer to be or to be done without prohibition or hinderance; to allow or permit negatively, by not preventing; not to restrain; as, to tolerate opinions or practices...*Crying should not be tolerated in children. The law of love tolerates no vice, and patronizes every virtue.*"

(*Webster's Dictionary*, 1828)

"Crying is a fault that should not be tolerated in children...Their crying is of two sorts...either stubborn...and domineering, or querulous and whining...Their crying is very often a striving for mastery...they will, by their clamour and sobbing, maintain their title and right [to whatever it is they desire]...if in any thing wherein they are crossed, they may be suffered to go away crying, they confirm themselves in their desires..." (Locke, 1779)

Ephesians 5:10 Proving what is **acceptable unto the Lord**.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, **but rather reprove them**.

"1. Not willing to **tolerate** beliefs or opinions contrary to one's own...2. Unable or unwilling to bear or endure." (*Standard Dictionary*, 1895)

TOLERATE; TOLERANCE:

"To suffer to remain or exist...without active opposition or prohibition...The act of tolerating, or of allowing that which is not wholly approved; specifically, the recognition of the rights of the private individual to his own opinions and practices...when they do

not interfere with the rights of others or violate laws made for the protection of morality, decency, and good order."

(*Standard Dictionary*, 1895)

Acts 9:29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and **disputed against** the Grecians: but **they went about to slay him**.

Acts 17:2 And Paul, **as his manner was**, went in unto them, and three sabbath days **reasoned with them** out of the scriptures,

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, **his spirit was stirred** in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 **Therefore disputed he** in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market **daily** with them that met with him.

Jeremiah 51:7...the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore **the nations are mad**.

"...unwillingness **to accept** views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from one's own..."
(*Google*, at top of search engine, *intolerance*)

"...believe or come to recognize (an opinion, explanation, etc.) as valid or correct."
(*Google*, at top of search engine, *accept*)

"...willingness to **accept** feelings, habits, or beliefs that are different from your own..."
(<http://www.merriam-webster.com>; *tolerant*)

"...the fact of **refusing to accept** ideas, beliefs, or behaviour that are different from your own..."
(*Cambridge Dictionary*, online; *intolerance*)

"...to agree to take something, or to consider something as satisfactory, reasonable, or true."
(*Cambridge Dictionary*, online; *accept*)

"...lacking **respect for practices and beliefs** other than one's own..."
(*Collin's Dictionary*, online; *intolerant*)

"...a fair, objective, and **permissive** attitude toward..." (Dictionary.com; *tolerant*)

"For a long time, I thought I knew what people meant when they used the word *tolerance*. But I have since discovered that what the word used to mean and what it means today are two drastically different things...Why would a college professor's employment be terminated because of his support of a Christian organization? Because of a new definition of tolerance...Fourth grader Raymond Raines made the mistake of bowing his head over his lunch to whisper a silent prayer. That act, however, resulted in a

trip to the principle's office, and a warning...Not only are you and your family at risk, but your church will face (if it hasn't already) increasing opposition and persecution as a result of this threat...As you read these lines, the society around you is undergoing what may be the fastest, most ominous cultural change in human history...Most frightening of all is that most Christians seem to be missing it...The new tolerance may *sound* like traditional tolerance, but it is vastly different...An extensive study revealed that the majority of kids (57 percent) in strong, evangelical churches already believe what the new tolerance is teaching: that what is wrong for one person is not necessarily wrong for someone else. And it is getting worse."

(Josh McDowell, Bob Hostetler, *The New Tolerance: How a Cultural Movement Threatens to Destroy You, Your Faith, and Your Children*, 1998)

"The **new toleration**...demands **not merely enduring but embracing** the diverse...Under the new doctrine, it is government's responsibility, **particularly through public education**, to ensure that all citizens adhere **to state-approved values and judgments**...The new toleration puts the state in the invasive business of regulating and re-educating hearts and minds...diagnosing non-conforming utterances and thoughts as moral and intellectual pathology. By means of hate-crimes legislation, it criminalizes purportedly evil thoughts..."

(Peter Berkowitz, "On Toleration," *The American Interest*, Mar./Apr. 2008)

"40% of Millennials OK with limiting speech offensive to minorities...American Millennials are far more likely than older generations to say the government should be able to prevent people from saying offensive statements..." (*Pew Research Center*, Nov. 20, 2015)

"Meanwhile an American soldier fighting for faith after an army briefing slaps a hate-group label on a well established, traditional Christian ministry...mandatory session... [labeled] The American Family Association...as an example of a hate-group...the reason the army had...was because they oppose gay marriage...another briefing...Air Force...labeled evangelical Christianity...as examples of religious extremism...'I had to show Americans what our soldiers are now being taught...'...We talked to so many soldiers who say they are now going to be getting out of the military as a result of this anti-Christian activity..."

(*Fox News*, Todd Starnes)

www.tolerance.org/ (A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center):

"Welcome to the Teaching Tolerance blog, a place where **educators** who care about **diversity**, equity and justice can find news..."

"Tolerance can be defined as '**an understanding** of the **beliefs and practices** of others,

even if they are different from yours."

"In your groups, come up with **your own definitions** of tolerance and intolerance..."

"Overcoming Intolerance Learned at Home..."

"...Let us be clear: There is no constitutional right not to be offended. But we need to go even further: I actually have a constitutional right to express opinions that offend you...an increasing number of students on university campuses have decided that their personal and easily-bruised sensitivities trump the Constitution and my individual freedom. These anti-liberal liberals unknowingly take the radical position of dictators, tyrants and monarchs that the way to control thought is to suppress any speech that is deemed by someone, or anyone, to be distasteful...Promoting tolerance by becoming intolerant is ultimately unsustainable...Fighting intolerance with intolerance is self-defeating."

(www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-schweitzer/intolerance-masked-as-tol_b_8592142.html, Nov. 18, 2015)

Acts 7:57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and **stopped their ears**, and ran upon him with one accord,

"*STUDENT 'TRAUMATIZED' BY READING ABOUT WHITES...*" (WND, Nov. 20, 2015)

"*Campus Commotions Show We're Raising Fragile Kids...*One student wrote in a *Yale Herald* op-ed...'He doesn't get it. And I don't want to debate. I want to talk about my pain'...a sweeping survey titled, 'The Coddling of the American Mind'...cataloged how students are being swaddled in an emotional cocoon...Taco bars...are considered offensive. A group at Duke University deemed phrases such as 'man up' too horrible to tolerate. And so on...what happens when play is micro-managed?...The rise in 'helicopter parenting' and the epidemic of 'everyone gets a trophy' education are another facet of the same problem...what happens when large numbers of these delicate little flowers are set free to navigate through life? They feel unsafe...threatened..." (National Review, Nov. 11, 2015)

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Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become **sound doctrine**:

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

1. Growing up:

Isaiah 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? **them that are weaned** from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

1 Corinthians 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were **not able to bear it**, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are **yet carnal**...

Jeremiah 4:22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding...

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth **be no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up**...

2. Humility and thankfulness will help keep us open to God's truth:

Proverbs 27:7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

1 Corinthians 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, **he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know**.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness** the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which **in an honest and good heart**, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

3. Loving the truth:

Hosea 8:12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but **they were counted as a strange** thing.

2 Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

Psalms 119:97 O how **love I thy law!** it is my meditation all the day.
163 I hate and abhor lying: but **thy law do I love.**
165 Great peace have they which **love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.**

Matthew 11:6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Proverbs 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

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