

**Live Well. Do Good.**

*“Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing”*

Titus 3:8-11

*“This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.” (Titus 3:8-10)*

If it's far from the core, it's best to ignore.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever been in the midst of a theological debate over a minor point of doctrine? How can someone go about being a peacemaker in that scenario?
- Deciding where to draw the line on doctrine isn't easy. How can we know whether our stance is part of the core or something to ignore?
- When someone is causing unnecessary controversy over minor points of doctrine (Titus 3:9), Titus' job was to "warn them" to stop being divisive. Why was he told to warn them once, then twice, and then "have nothing to do with them"?

For a deeper understanding of primary and secondary doctrine, check out this article written by the EFCA:

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