

Ephesians 4:10-16

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Biblical Civility

圣经文明

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Introduction: A super-heated, word-charged culture

引言：一种过热的、充满文字的文化

Key Question: What is the role of the church in an age of Trolling, Tweeting, Flaming and Word-bombing?

核心问题：在一个曳、微博、网络谩骂和文字轰炸的时代, 教会的角色是什么？

Answer: The church's mission is to be God's instrument of filling "all things" with the glory at Christ. How?

回答：教会的使命是作上帝的工具, 用基督的荣耀来填满 "万物"。 怎么做？

I. Guiding Principles

指导原则

A. God give a variety of gifts to those He intends to lead His church. (v.11)

上帝给那些要他们带领他的教会的人各种各样的恩赐。(v.11)

B. God gives one central purpose to all leaders: to equip the saints for the Work of Ministry (v.12-14)

神给所有的领袖一个核心的目的: 为要成全圣徒, 各尽其职(v.12-14)

C. God gives the saints a primary tool for ministry: to speak the Truth in Love (v15a)

神给圣徒们一个主要的工具: 用爱心说诚实话(v15a)

II. Required Practices (v.15)

必要的做法(v.15)

A. We must say what is true (v.15a)

我们必须说真实的(v.15a)

B. We must only say what is provable (v.15b)

我们必须只说可被证实的(v.15b)

C. We must only say what is loving (v.12, 15-16, 29)

我们必须只说有爱的(v.12, 15-16, 29)

III. Redemptive Priorities

救赎的重点

A. Are my words opening conversations (or closing them) ?

我的话语是敞开对话（还是关闭对话）？

B. Are my words building up or tearing down

我的话语是建立还是摧毁

Conclusion: Poison or Antidote

结论：毒药或解毒剂