



Cancel Culture vs Counter Culture vs Tolerance

— by Lynn Everett McBride —

TOLERANCE was the door that was used to open the way for what we now have as a Cancel Culture and Counter Culture society.

Tolerance is the ability or willingness to “put up with something,” in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with.

It all began back in the 1960’s, with the New Age Movement and the “Free Thinkers” of society, introducing the theory, that “Truth is what you make it and what you want to believe.”

Then there came the wave of, “Don’t judge me,” “I am my own god,” and “your truth is your truth and not mine.”

In the February 2019 Memos, I wrote, “As a child, I remember my mother saying, “I will not tolerate you doing that again.” That meant, “Stop it — right now.”

Over the last several decades, we have been hearing the word *tolerance* used more frequently. I have even heard it said that, “Jesus, Paul and John were all very tolerant. Wrong!

Jesus overturned the tables at the temple (Matthew 21:12).

John wrote in Revelation 2:2 to the Church at Ephesus, “*I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.*”

And Paul wrote, “*It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate.*” (1 Corinthians 5:1)

— Esther 3:8, Then Haman said to King Xerxes, “*Their customs are different from those of all other people, and they do not obey the king’s laws; it is not in the king’s best interest to tolerate them.*”

— Psalm 101:5, “*Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.*”

— Habakkuk 1:3, “*Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.*”



CANCEL CULTURE,

amounts to, “If you don’t agree with me, then I will label you as a racist, fascist, or a narrow minded individual, and we will ruin your life and reputation.”

COUNTER CULTURE

is a movement that directly opposes the basic beliefs of Christianity and social laws. It supports the “humanistic viewpoint, which includes sexuality, education, politics and social ethics.”

It is a modern form of *ostracism* in which someone’s BELIEF or CONVICTION, is thrust out of social circles – whether it is online, on social media, or in person.

Those who are subject to this *ostracism*, are said to have been “cancelled, and we won’t listen to you.”

The question is: Will this trend cause life to be better or more bitter?

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Take for example: Jack Phillips' who owned a cake decorating shop in Denver, Colorado. When asked to make a certain type of cake, and he refused, it almost cost them the business.

Or the church that needed to hire another staff person, but were told they could not discriminate for any reason.

Churches need to be aware of the current cancel culture, **but remember, Christ cannot be cancelled.** Churches must be active rather than passive in their faith to counteract this thinking.

Pastors must train and model to their congregations how to be discerning and full of wisdom. Congregations must be bold and unwavering. When our constitutional rights are encroached upon, Christians often see it as a hindrance to the gospel. It is then we must stand for our beliefs.

Churches must be very concerned over the Counter Culture, because the public schools, social media, peer pressure and society are bombarding our young people with false truth. There must be Biblical absolutes in regards to truth and morality. If not, it will cause opposition to truth and will accelerate itself into the social mainstream moral narrative. Yet many within the church do not have a comprehensive understanding of the basics of their faith.

History's most powerful cultures and leaders have tried to destroy the message of Christ and cancel out Christianity. **Jesus is still on His throne,** His church is still strong and it will be forevermore. Amen? Amen!

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A Discerning Mind

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Judges Chapters 16-18, Verse: Judges 17:6 NIV — *"In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit."*

Comment: I think the word for this kind of civil government is anarchy.

We have seen this in our own country and around the world. The actions of and results of anarchy all began in Eden. Pure and simple it is rebellion against God.

God is a god of order, Satan is the author of chaos. So where you see chaos, you see the hand of Satan. Satan also likes to play word games, by calling evil, good and good, evil.

So the trend of current **"progressivism"** is mis-named, it should be **"REgressive."** Don't seek truth and validity in shifting philosophy, but rather be tied to the eternal truths of Scripture.

Prayer thought: Pray that God will grant to you a **discerning mind** and **heart to know truth** from evil, and avoid evil.

30-Minute Video Studies

We continue to "crank-out," video studies for DVD distribution to various inmate facilities and for television play.

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You can watch any of our studies at: ckpm.org, by clicking on the picture as shown above.



A study of the “4-F’s of Conversation in Mentoring”

When you visit an inmate - talk about:

FAMILY - FRIENDS - FELLOWSHIP AND FREEDOM

- Family - understanding what has happened to his family
- Friends - understanding the selection of friends
- Fellowship - understanding the need for good fellowship
- Freedom - understanding what happens when free

FAMILY —

An inmate is often so focused on his problems that he doesn't see what his wife, brothers, sisters and members of his family are going through.

More often than not, incarceration is more difficult for the family than the inmate. Offenders have the meals, shelter and medical attention, while the family may be in need.

During the visit, it is good to discuss family and talk about **THEIR NEEDS**.

Discuss his/her life as a child and his/her feeling toward the family and what it means to have a supportive family.

What the scripture has to say: 1 Timothy. 5:8
“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

FRIENDS —

All of us, at some time or another have had friends who were a bad influence. For your own review, write down the name of a friend who mistreated you.

Scripture: Proverbs 22:24 *“Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered.”*

Example: You are ministering to an inmate and he says, “I can't make friends and the ones I have, good or bad, I want to keep, they take care of me. “ How would you respond?

Scripture for consideration: Psalms 31:11
“Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends-- those who see me on the street flee from me.”

Example: You are ministering to an inmate and he says, “I can't hold my head up in my neighborhood anymore. How can I say I'm sorry and start over?” How would you respond?

Yet another scripture for consideration:

John 15:12-15 *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.⁽¹³⁾ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.⁽¹⁴⁾ You are my friends if you do what I command.⁽¹⁵⁾ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”*

FELLOWSHIP —

The dictionary defines fellowship as: companionship, friendliness, comradeship and sharing.

- Companionship - one who goes along or accompanies another.
- Friendliness - having a kind feeling toward another person.
- Comradeship - a companion or friend with special bonds.
- Sharing - exchanging thoughts.

Fellowship is closely tied to friendship. A strong understanding of having good friends is necessary, because our friends are the ones with whom we have fellowship. As a Christian, we have a responsibility to fellowship with believers.

FREEDOM —

Freedom is something every inmate wants to hear about. They want to discuss the number of times they have been turned down by the parole board or the freedom that has been taken away from them. Their legal freedom is something you cannot help them with. It is in the hands of the court and their lawyer, BUT there is a deeper freedom, inside with which you can help.

Freedom is an attitude and not a place. Paul wrote, (Philippians 4:11) *“whatever condition I am in, I have learned to be content.”* It means: whatever condition, whether I like it or not, a person is to be content, not necessarily happy, but able to cope with the problems. Doctors have proven that if a person is unhappy, he/she will be unhappy no matter what.

NOTICE: As we think about freedom, it is most very important that a mentor present the Gospel of Jesus and the plan of salvation. Real freedom is having a **relationship with Jesus** through an experience of salvation. Isaiah 61:11, *“The Spirit of Lord, He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to **proclaim freedom** for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”*

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