

Civility in the Public Square

I. Civility Defined

1828 Webster's: refinement of manners; applied to nations; as distinguished from the rudeness of barbarous nations.

2015 Merriam-Webster's: courtesy, politeness

Not spineless compromise – Romans 1:16

II. Need for Civility

A. Biblical Principles

Ecclesiastes 10:12

Ecclesiastes 9:17

James 3:9-10

B. Biblical Applications

Ephesians 4:29

James 1:19

Colossians 4:6

Colossians 3:8

Romans 14:19

Galatians 6:1

III. Conclusion

The message of the gospel may be offensive, but you and the method of delivery should show respect, honor, and love toward people with whom we disagree.