

A Man of "Conviction"

Opinion = personal preference or feeling, not based on fact or principle. "popular opinion"

Subject to change, what someone likes because it is appealing.

Conviction = formal declaration of judgement made. "Respected, fixed position"

Conclusion of a matter being decided by one in authority.

A rule of moral preference between two opinions.

Opinion / preference differs from conviction?

Drinking, movies, music, dietary restrictions, gambling, clothes, politics, car make and model, pets, vacations, (PICK YOUR BATTLES) is it worth it?

A CONVICTION... (morals, beliefs / doctrines, behaviors) "what I think God wants"

What is worth making a public debate?

1. Must be rational (not emotional) but often passionate
 2. Must be final (not open for negotiation)
 3. Must be educated or informed (not flippant or spontaneous)
 4. Considers the ramifications of having and NOT having a conviction
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Acts 15:13 After they finished speaking, (Peter and Paul in the council of Jerusalem)

James replied, "Brothers, listen to me... 19 - James said, **I thus judge** / "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

James 1:6-8 don't be a wave blown around in the sea? Double minded? Unstable?

Matt 11:7 - JTB was he a reed blowing in the wind?

1 peter 4:17 – judgement must begin at the house of God

1 cor 6:1-4 do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

John 3:19-21 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light

John 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

Acts 2:36-41 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you

Heb 11:1 – ESV Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Titus 1:9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Rom 14:20-23 As for disputable matters, do not destroy the work of God. Keep these things between yourself and God! To the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. (music, clothes, style, culture, etc)

1 cor 10:15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.

1 cor 10:23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

John 7:24 Jesus said... Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

2 tim 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,