

## Passive / Aggressive FAITH ?

**Passive** – weak, subservient, fearful and hides from others

**Aggressive** – mean, domineering, violent, bully

**Assertive** – Healthy, respect of others (while respecting oneself) boundaries.

Mutually showing honor.

**Passive / Aggressive** – Being aggressive in a passive way. Lie to avoid conflict,

people pleaser, pretends, joke about pain, unable to be real, sulking,

rolling eyes, fail to take responsibility, defensive and blames others.

Not self aware, emotionally unstable, dysfunctional and manipulates.

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Was Jesus passive when they came to arrest him?

Was he aggressive when he turned over the tables and made a whip?

Was his Love assertive when he gave his life?

### Passive Aggressive people in the Bible...

Absalom, Jezebel, Ahab, Judas, Jonah, Solomon, Delilah, Jacob, Sarah, Aaron...

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George Marsden defined fundamentalism as "militantly anti-modernist Protestant evangelicalism" in his 1980 work *Fundamentalism and American Culture*.

"Militant" in this sense does not mean "violent", it means "aggressively active in a cause". Marsden saw fundamentalism arising from a number of preexisting perceived threats.

1. Modernism in theology and the cultural changes that modernism endorsed.
2. Liberal inclusion of beliefs and ideas that progressive politics endorsed.
3. Erosion of traditional, historical, foundational, and non negotiable doctrines.

**FAITH** – belief, conviction, internal hope

1. Many of us say we believe one thing and live the opposite. (pretend)

Acts 19:13-16 (sons of Sceva)

2. We are afraid others will ask or find out what we think (about God, Bible)

Gen 3:10 – Adam was afraid and he hid

3. we want to increase our faith and grow spiritually but don't read the Bible or pray. (James 4:2,3 - You want what you don't have...because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.)

4. we say we trust God but worry about things (money, health, future)

John 14 - Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me... Matt 6:25 - "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...

Food, Clothes, Health, Future...

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In this day and age, we must:

1. Make clear the message of the Gospel with no compromise.
2. Speak the truth in Love.
3. Embrace personal convictions of Biblical right and wrong.

## Assertive (strong , healthy) FAITH scripture...

Heb 11:1...      Phil 1:6 –      Rom 8:38,39

Gal 3:11 -      Matt 22:16 –

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They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

### [New Living Translation](#)

They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites.

### [English Standard Version](#)

And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.

Gal 1:10 - Am I now trying to win the favor *and* approval of men, or of God? Or am I seeking to please someone? If I were still trying to be popular with men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

Acts 21: <sup>10</sup> After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup> Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" <sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." <sup>14</sup> When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."