



# The Gospel of the Left and the Right

## Are you *conservative* or *liberal*?

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday morning: 10:30 am

Scripture Reading: Matt 7:14

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## Introduction

A. God does not want us to *react to error*, but respond to **t**\_\_\_\_\_.

B. We don't want to overly focus and define ourselves by what we are not.

## I. GOD WANTS HEALTHY SOUND DOCTRINE THAT IS BALANCED.

A. The history of theology is one of *overreacting to a perceived e*\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Martin Luther reacted against "meritorious works" (on the right) and went all the way over to a "faith only" position (on the left). Both are wrong.

2. The legalism of the Pharisees (a right-wing view), is often reacted to with an extreme view of grace (left-wing), which Paul addressed in Rom 6:1-2.

3. The Jews were unrighteous in the OT. The righteous remnant after the captivity, responded by becoming legalists, resulting in self-righteousness.

B. Are you a liberal or conservative? These are **r**\_\_\_\_\_ terms.

## II. WHAT DO THESE RELATIVE TERMS MEAN?

A. Webster's dictionary defines the terms as follows:

1. **Conservative**: "Respecting old methods and customs; adhering to what is old; not given to **c**\_\_\_\_\_ just for the sake of change."

2. **Liberal**: "Free: not literal or strict. One who advocates greater freedom of thought or action".

B. All of us are conservative or liberal depending upon what subject or place we are talking about. It is not a fair universal label, in most cases.

C. The question ought to be: Is this **B**\_\_\_\_\_? Is it *expedient*?

## III. CONTROVERSIES AMONG CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

A. They revolve around changes that have occurred in six major areas. These areas are **a**\_\_\_\_\_, activities, organization, agencies, morals, & discipline.

B. What should our attitude be about these things today?

1. Avoid *pejorative* terms (2 Tim 2:24-25).

2. Avoid the **p**\_\_\_\_\_ spirit (Gal 5:20).

3. Be careful about fellowship and judging *eternal destinies*.

**Conclusion:** May we all, with brotherly love, focus on what is Biblical and expedient!

## Notes

### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

change  
relative  
extreme  
party  
authority  
Biblical  
truth