

TakeNote

Part 1 of 2 in Civility: Living and Loving Like Jesus in a Polarized Society
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Civility: Living and Loving Like Jesus in a Polarized Society — *John 1:1–14 & Selected Texts*

We must guard the God-given message and mission of the church from being hijacked by well-intended, polarizing voices.

10 keys to living the “Jesus Way” in our polarized society today:

- 1.** Focus on your God-given mission: *To live and love like Jesus!*
- 2.** Be clear about the God-given message of your life: *Jesus saves!*
- 3.** Embrace the tension of living out the distinctly Christ-like harmony of grace and truth.
- 4.** Avoid those who emphasize grace to the detriment of truth, or truth to the detriment of grace.
- 5.** Look at anything political through the lens of Christianity, rather than looking at Christianity through a political lens.
- 6.** Spend more time listening to God than you do listening to polarizing voices.
- 7.** Treat others the way you would want them to treat you — no matter how they have treated you!

- 8.** Roll up your sleeves and do something even while others are theorizing and philosophizing.
- 9.** Genuinely accept people as they are, even if you can't approve how they live.
- 10.** Encourage, equip, and mobilize others to live and love like Jesus too.

Are you living the way of the left, the right, or the "Jesus Way?"