

I KNOW I'M RIGHT

How often these words burn in our hearts when someone questions...

Our motives. Our wisdom. Our sacred agenda

Beneath our anger is the fear that I may be wrong.

Maybe my motives are less than pure.

Am I willing to ask the Lord?

Am I open to correction?

***Let the godly strike me! It will be a kindness!
If they correct me, it is soothing medicine.
Don't let me refuse it. (Psalm 141)***

When I cling to my own agenda as a "sacred thing"

It's usually a sign that God's agenda has been lost in my efforts to justify myself.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves!" (Matthew 23)



Lord, deliver us from the sin of pursuing our own agenda and calling it God's!

Prayer: Yes Lord, help us let go of our own agendas. Help us to stop trying to justify ourselves. Show us when our motives are not pure. Help us to accept correction, because letting go of our motives and attitudes is a healing medicine because it opens our ears to your call. We need to hear you, to seek you, obey you...more than we need to be right. Forgive us. Help us. Amen.

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