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When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

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An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side and said to them, 'Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me...



...For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."



"The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

LUKE 9:23-25

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

Mark 6:33-34

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.



Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.



Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.



A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

Edwards

We are mistaken if we imagine that Greek and Jewish societies extolled the virtues of childhood as is generally true in modern Western society. Societies with high infant mortality rates and high demand for human labor are not sentimental about infants and youth...



...Until children could contribute to the labor force, they simply had "not arrived." They were, quite literally, "the least among you."



In Judaism, children under twelve could not be taught the Torah, and so to spend time with them was considered a waste.



He <u>leads the humble</u> in what is right, and <u>teaches the humble</u> his way.



When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

Isaiah 66:2

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

1 Peter 5:5-6

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you



The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Philippians 2:3-5

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors...



...But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves



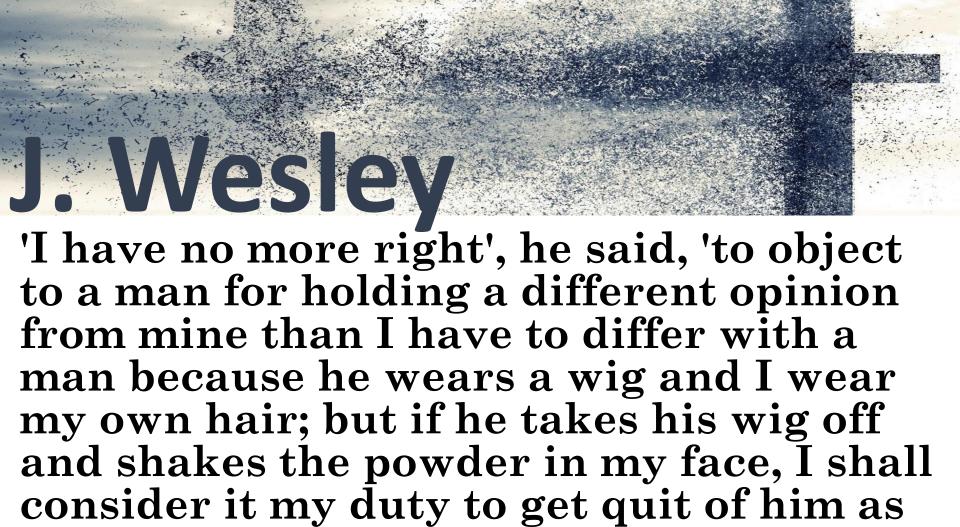
John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."



Thousands, in every period of Church history, have spent their lives in copying John's mistake. They have labored to stop every man who will not work for Christ in their way, from working for Christ at all...



...They have imagined, in their petty self conceit, that no man can be a soldier of Christ, unless he wears their uniform, and fights in their regiment. They have been ready to say of every Christian who does not see everything with their eyes, "Forbid him! Forbid him! for he followeth not with us."



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J. Wesley The thing which I recolved to use

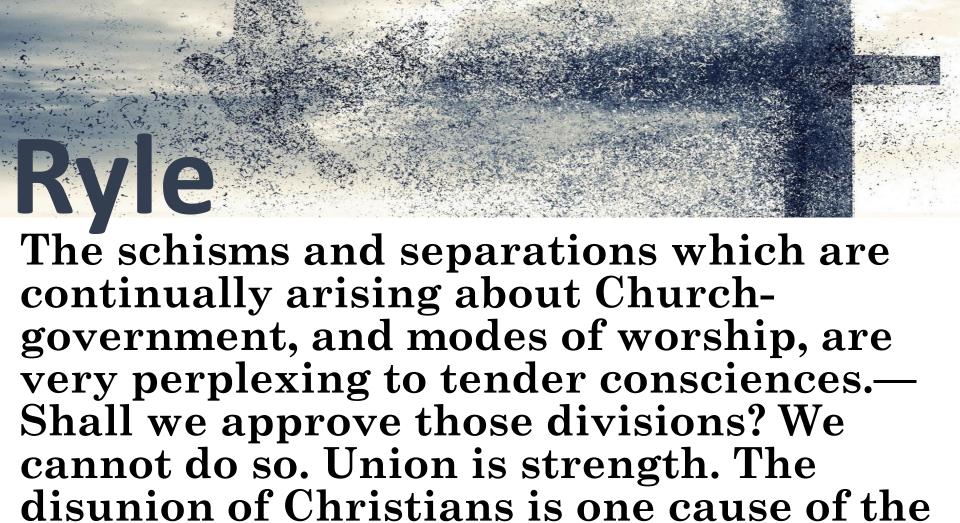
... The thing which I resolved to use every possible method of preventing was a narrowness of spirit, a party zeal, a being straitened in our own bowels—that miserable bigotry which makes many so unready to believe that there is any work of God but among themselves...



Any Time YOU Begin to Think You HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT & Everybody Else Just Needs to Come Along & Agree With YOU...You Are IN DANGER!



Any Time You Begin to JUDGE People Based on the TRIBE they Belong To, the Denomination they are a Part of, the Movement they are Associated with...You Are IN DANGER!



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..... Shall we denounce, and hold up to public reprobation, all who will not agree to work with us, and to oppose Satan in our way? It is useless to do so. Hard words never yet made men of one mind. Unity was never yet brought about by force.—What then ought we to do?...



...We must <u>leave alone those who do not</u> <u>agree with us</u>, and wait quietly till God shall think fit to bring us together. Whatever we may think of our divisions, the words of our Lord must never be forgotten: "Forbid them

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you? When Peter

saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what

about this man?"...



... Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"

