

# **Tolerance Movement**

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### I. Introduction.

A. The Bible is binding and all sufficient.

### II. Tolerance is a key word in our society today.

A. Religion has become nothing more than a feel-good help.

B. The family is breaking down because marriage is no longer revered.

C. Tolerance has made the Ten Commandments ten suggestions.

D. Liberals deny absolutes, but there are absolutes and believers need to stand up for them.

E. Tolerance equals indifference and intolerance equals love. (Proverbs 14:15)

### II. What believers are supposed to do.

A. Evangelize.

B. Disciple. (Proverbs 14:15; Acts 1:8; 28:19-20; Colossians 1:28-29)

### III. Christians should rely on the Spirit and not the flesh to do the main things. (Zechariah 4:6)

A. Christ is the core of our faith.

B. It is better to change hearts than focus on legislation.

### IV. We must stand up and focus on the main things. Jesus was the most intolerant person ever. (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 1:15)

### V. The Bible is the Word of God. (Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

### VI. Tolerance demands compromise, so we have become devoid of conviction.

### VII. Jesus was intolerant towards selfishness and sin. (Isaiah 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Isaiah 55:7)

**Application questions:**

1. In what ways might tolerance be good?

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2. How has tolerance become corrupted?

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3. In what ways would Jesus fail to fit the modern tolerance movement? Explain.

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