

Disagreeing With Dignity: A Conversation Inspired by Charlie Kirk



#1

Pirkei Avos 5:20

Any dispute that is for the sake of Heaven will have a constructive outcome; but one that is not for the sake of Heaven will not have a constructive outcome...

SAFE SPACE (definition)

A space in which you are protected against hearing views which might cause you distress. For example, “trigger warnings,” “microaggressions,” or any remark that someone might find offensive even if no offence is meant.

Jean M. Twenge, iGen, Atria, 2017, 253

Increasingly, speakers with controversial views are being disinvited: the number of such incidents on American college campuses rose from 6 in 2000 to 44 in 2016.

Charlie Kirk, Campus Battlefield, media review

Colleges have morphed from places of higher learning into playgrounds where name-calling sends children home crying.”

Questions:

- **What do you think about “safe spaces” on college campuses?**
- **Is the exchanging of views and differences positive or negative for building and maintaining healthy relationships?**

#2

Charlie Kirk, Turning Point USA

One of the most horrifying and surprising evolutions we have witnessed among our widespread campus network is the rapid movement away from tolerating opposing ideas and respectful debate to the deployment of obscene bully tactics...

Charlie Kirk, Turning Point USA

This is very important... even if your parents share values and views and a worldview that you do not have, you are biblically obligated to honor them. Which means to spend time with them, and to love on them, and to go visit them... you still go and spend time with your parents, because if you are incapable... of honoring your earthly father, you will never honor your Heavenly Father.

Questions:

- **How does one disagree agreeably?**
- **What makes a disagreement turn into a fight?**

#3

Britain's Former Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

The sages (draw) a fundamental distinction between two kinds of conflict: argument for the sake of truth and argument for the sake of victory.

Question:

- **How do you distinguish if you are arguing for the sake of truth or for the sake of victory?**

#4

Questions:

- **What DO you do when you realize that you are wrong in the middle of an argument?**
- **What SHOULD you do when you realize that you are wrong in the middle of an argument?**
- **How should you accept success or defeat in an argument?**