





How to Use God's Word

A Brief Look at Expedients



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Expedient- “Something suitable for achieving a particular end in a given circumstance; something done or used to achieve a particular end usually quickly or temporarily: an expedient action or solution.”

- Biblical Expedient must facilitate the accomplishment of God's will and must be in harmony with His word.
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• In order something to be expedient, it must be lawful.

- I Corinthians 6:12- “All things are lawful for me’, but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me’, but I will not be dominated by anything.”
 - I Corinthians 10:23- “All things are lawful,’ but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful,’ but not all things build up.”
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- Romans 14:20- “Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.”
 - II John 9-11- “Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.”
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- I Corinthians 2:10-13- “These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom, but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.”
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In order for something to be expedient, it cannot be specified.

- Acts 14: 23- “And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.”
 - Philippians 1:1- “Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons.”
 - I Peter 5:2- “Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight...”
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In order for something to be expedient in the church of God, it must edify.

- I Corinthians 14:26-“What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.”



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In order for something to be expedient, it must not offend the conscience of a brother.

- I Corinthians 10:31-32- “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God.”

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- I Corinthians 11:25-28- "...drink this cup.."
- This cup is the fruit of the vine- Matthew 26:27-29
- Christ commanded the saints to assemble- Hebrews 10:25
- Ephesians 5:19- "addressing one another in psalms and humans and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with you heart,"
- Colossians- 3:16- "Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."



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- James 1:27- "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."
- I Timothy 5:16- "If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her care for them. Let the church not be burdened, so that it may care for those who are truly widows."



I Peter 4:11- “whoever speaks, as
one who speaks the oracles of
God”

