

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site and changing them periodically, probably weekly. This letter was posted on August 16, 2010

5th ltr. Watered Down Testimony Eph. 4: 11 - 16

There was a situation that came up in my life not too long ago when I was challenged that what I was teaching and what I was proclaiming did not fit with the doctrine of some of the people who were there and I shouldn't do that. I really took that seriously and I thought about it and prayed about it and I even came very close to quit sharing with that particular group the things that God had put in my life and in my heart.

But I was fortunate enough to read an article, I don't remember where it was or who wrote it but basically what it said was 'That there comes a danger of us allowing what someone else says to us to cause us to get off the track that God has put us on. In order to do that I won't tell other people the whole truth as God has revealed it to me; I won't say that I'm delivered from all sin or that I'm sanctified completely, (wholly the Bible says) – that is too rugged for some people, it will offend them. So what I'll do is I'll cover up the vital testimony of my life and say that I'm just religiously inclined and then I will be able to persevere with my influence with these people'.

The testimony of my life must be unmistakably to the whole of the truth not a part of it only.

Part of the truth is no truth at all.

But on the same token as we share the truth as we know it, we need to trust God that if others don't believe exactly as I do they are not the enemy or are not necessarily wrong.

Keep the main thing the main thing "Christ and Christ alone!" let Him deal with all the doctrinal issues and you love your brothers.

I Cor. 13:12, 13 "For now I see in a mirror dimly, but then fact to face, now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. But now faith, hope, love, abide these three, but the greatest of these is love".

Can I love my brother even when I don't agree with him on doctrine?