

## Christian Perspectives: I'm me, and you're you

I began by saying, 'I'm me and you're you!' My sparkling eyed Becky shot back, 'No Daddy, you're you and I'm me!' I would then respond with, 'But how can I be me and you at the same time?' Tom said, 'You're not me!' 'I'm me and you're you!' All the while our youngest boy simply sat there wide eyed, quietly looking from one person to another. This friendly meal table game would continue until Mom got tired of listening and asked us to stop. We loved this particular kind of verbal sparing.

In any debate each side has a chance to communicate their differing points of view with each other in what they hope is a convincing manner. They reason with each other. There several different possible outcomes.

Sometimes the arguments were not clear and conclusive leading to misunderstandings.

Some people simply don't like to be proven wrong! If you are somehow able to win the argument the other person is not really convinced and goes away looking for another better, stronger argument so they can continue to believe they are right. For this I passed on to my children the old saying, 'A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.' I taught them that there are times that people who wish to remain friends must decide to 'agree to disagree' and simply leave it at that.

At times negative emotions or preconceived ideas can cloud the ability to be open minded thus spoiling the chance of obtaining an honest agreement.

Occasionally a debate will end reasonably in consensus and then it will have all been worthwhile.

The most important invitation that we may not know we have all received comes from Almighty God. He has made it known that there are things that He wants to discuss with us. We can trust God to be clear in His points and honest in His presentation.

God wants to be our good friend and, we were built to have just such a lasting relationship with Him. But we didn't want Him. We ignored Him and turned our back on Him. We forgot about all He did and does for us everyday. Our life got too full and we had no time for Him anymore and somehow we started to carry on our lives without Him. In response He tried to get our attention. He called to us but we couldn't hear Him, our lives were just too noisy ? too busy.

He continues to call, 'Come, let us sit down and reason together.' Isaiah 1:18. He is like the Father in the prodigal son story ? watching and waiting for us to turn to Him.

But, ? there is also a warning to consider about waiting too long to come to God in Genesis 6:3 [DARBY] ?... My Spirit shall not always plead with Man ?? We have this life only in which to listen to God's debating points and He will let us go if we choose to leave the table. Now is the time to come to Him.

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