CONVERSING WITH SOMEONE YOU DISAGREE WITH

(Review)

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Heated Debate

Today it seems like people who disagree with one another on important matters have a tough time discussing/arguing/debating their topic without things quickly becoming “heated”.
3 TACTICS COMMONLY USED IN HEATED DEBATES...
**Tactic #1: NAME-CALLING**

If you call someone a mean name it makes them look like the bad guy and you look like the good guy even though you could be totally wrong and they could be totally right.

- “Hater”
- “Bigot”
- “Intolerant”
- “Closed-minded”
- “Exclusive”
- “Mean”
- “Judgmental”
- “Religious fanatic”
Tactic #2: **TALKING LOUD, TALKING FAST, TALKING FANCY, AND TALKING, TALKING, TALKING**...
Tactic #3: THE RED HERRING FALLACY

A red herring fallacy occurs when a person decides to change the subject instead of discussing the topic at hand.
REMEMBER:

Someone who is loud, cocky, and confident... **DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN** They are right.

Being called a name or being told you are wrong... **DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN** You are wrong.

Someone who talks fast, sounds smart, and uses big, fancy words... **DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN** They are right.

Not knowing the answer to someone’s argument... **DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN** You are wrong.
3 Tips for Speaking the Truth with Love
Tip 1

Pray to the Holy Spirit for courage, patience, love, wisdom, and guidance.
Tip 2

Speak with love...

You don’t need to yell or act like you’re in a verbal battle. You can still speak kindly to someone you disagree with.

(Also, don’t ever type or post something you wouldn’t say to someone’s face)
Tip 3

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Learn to respectfully listen to a person's point of view before assuming what they believe and why they believe it.
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