

**If You Love Them Then You Must Debate Them**  
**December 2019 Issue “Come Along Side”**  
**IYLTTYMDT – “Consistent, Honest, and Trustworthy”**

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An honest person doesn't have to manipulate or provoke with defensive rhetoric.

This year I have challenged us all to find healthy perspectives about our thinking processes and our communications.

**January** - Let your speech always be gracious.

**February** - (Neutral Motives) is about having salt in your actions and making a decision based on neutral ground.

**March** - Avoiding the Band Wagon Fallacy. Think for yourself.

**April** - Faithful to give a report that is truthful. Don't be silent when you make a stand for those that are weak and vulnerable in our society God is there to help.

**May** - Movements are the same as religions because they use Christian principles. Don't be persuaded to join popular peer groups without seeking counsel.

**June** - When things move quickly and uncontrollably through our lives we have so little time to choose our directions or reactions. Wait for God's counsel and the Holy Spirit.

**July** - Celebrating Our Independence From Humanism. With a trend toward humanism many churches are excluding the Genesis stories and picking and choosing intellectual theology over Spiritual Truths that permeate the Old and New Testaments.

**August** - Developing a desire for exhortation and finding real identity through proper validation.

**September** - Always looking for another way to communicate and show love.

**November** - Venue driven instead of Agenda driven encounter. Providing a safe place to engage.

\*\*\*\*\* **Coming Along Side** \*\*\*\*\*

**In this December** issue I think it is fitting for the holiday season to talk about **coming along side**. God will provide many opportunities to show His love and respect. We have to keep in mind that friends and family will be watching our actions more than our words.

**Being interested** in other peoples opinions and thoughts can give us open doors to sharing the message of Jesus.

\* **Being present** means simply having a moment-to-moment awareness of what's happening. It means paying attention to what's going on rather than being caught up in your thoughts.

**Smiling and responding** with a positive acknowledgment.

There's definitely a clear, visible difference between a social smile and a true smile so think of something pleasant and your smile will be a real one.

**Coming along side** can take practice and with real sincerity and empathy we can connect with the important issues in our relationships. With a little patience and light topics at first we can test the degree of involvement. Building a bridge of **consistent, honest, and trustworthy** dialogue will give us a safe path to walk together down.

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This holiday season can be so rewarding if our relationships grow in the love of Christ.

Remember talking and communicating is a learning art form.

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*Have wonderful holiday season with friends and family.*