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When Being Right Is Wrong

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Is it possible? Can there ever be a time when being right is wrong? Just when can being right be wrong?

- When one is more concerned about winning an argument than helping one see the truth.
- When one uses the truth in an effort to hurt another rather than to heal another.
- When one is more concerned about justifying self than defending God.
- When one uses truth as an opportunity to be smug, proud, and condescending.

These are all times when being right is wrong. We certainly need to seek the truth. It's the truth that will set us free from our sins (John 8:32). But we must also understand that mere possession of truth does not make us right. We must also possess proper attitudes along with that truth.

As we spend our lives in pursuit of the truth, may we be just as diligent to spend our lives in pursuit of good attitudes, for it's not enough to simply possess truth, we must possess it with the right attitude. May God help us to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).