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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 East of the River Chapter
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- Opening prayer
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- Today's Topic: **Avoiding Heavy Meddle**



It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. --Proverbs 20:3

First, some definitions of "to meddle:"

- To interfere in or busy oneself unduly with something that is not one's concern.
- To touch or handle without permission, invitation or right.
- To try to change or have an influence on things that are not your responsibility.

If you are a meddler, you are a fool. You're like a pyromaniac deliberately lighting fires in relationships. Meddling produces strife, which is not productive. In fact, it's counter-productive. The honorable approach is not to stir up strife to begin with, to live peaceably with all men whenever it is within your capacity to do it.

How does meddling infect and impact the workplace? With whom do we meddle?

Employees? Suppliers? Customers? Government officials? The public?

Can meddling be a manifestation of a controlling spirit? Of a manipulator?

If you avoid being a meddler, does that mean you condone wrongdoing by others?
 If you avoid being a meddler, does that mean you ignore or avoid opportunities to help?

If you're a consultant, aren't you in some ways, a "professional meddler?" If so, what is the distinction?

Where do standing up for what's right and helping others stop and meddling begin? Let's discuss.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (low) to 10 (high) in terms of ceasing from strife & not meddling	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more astute at avoiding meddling?										
What specific actions can you take to do so?										

- NO MEETING IN MID-JULY. Our next meeting here will be on Wednesday, August 3 @ 7:30 am
- Upcoming news/events
- Closing prayer