

# But The Bible Doesn't Say I Can't Do It

Introduction: This is a misunderstood topic of biblical interpretation. Are Christians allowed to do anything not specifically forbidden in the Bible? Tertullian, Luther, Spurgeon

## I. The Principle Illustrated in the Bible

- A. The Old Testament
  - 1. Noah and the Ark—Gen. 6:22, Heb. 11:7
  - 2. Nadab and Abihu—Lev. 16:12, Lev. 10:1-2
  - 3. Ark of the Covenant—Dt. 10:8, Ex 25:12-14, 2 Sam. 6:3
- B. The New Testament
  - 1. Is Christ Divided? 1 Cor. 1:12-13, 1 Cor. 4:6
  - 2. Will Worship  
Col. 2:22-23 (Thayer: will worship describes actions that man invents or determines that are only prescribed for himself)
  - 3. Priesthood of Christ, Hb. 7:14 (Judah, not Levi), Hb. 8:4

## II. Practical Applications

- A. Lord's Supper  
Mat. 26:26-30, Acts 20:7
- B. Music in Worship  
Col. 3:16, Eph. 5:19
- C. Leadership Roles  
Titus 1:6, 1 Cor. 14:34, 1 Tim. 2:8-15 (Grk. Culture?)

## III. Expedient Vs Principle of Scripture

Silence: Something which goes beyond the teaching of Christ

Expedient: Something that helps us obey Christ

Expedients	Silence
Songbooks help, Eph 5:19	Organ-changes music type, Ps. 150
Youth Minister, 2 Ti. 1:11 (teacher to gentiles)	Female preacher—only men authorized
Church building (Heb. 10:25)	Missionary Society (autonomy)