KICKIN’ OR PULLIN’?

I was raised on a farm in eastern Oklahoma and at an early age I was in the field, following a turning plow with a team of mules. One time we had a young mule that when we came to a corner, he would “kick over the trace,” which meant I had to stop and put him back in.

When my dad showed up to make a correction I asked him why this was happening? He said, “Son, he is kicking over the trace so he won’t have to work.”

Years later I came to realize that there are a lot of people like that. They kick about things all the time, mostly about things that don’t really matter, so it appears they are involved when they are not.

There are some things very plain in the Bible if we would just stop and think. A young man approached me one time and said “The Bible says, ‘They appointed elders in every church.’” (Acts 14:23) I replied, “the Bible also gives the qualifications of those to be appointed.” (Titus 1:5ff; 1 Tim 3:1ff)

Paul said, “Do all things without murmurings and questionings: that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain.” (Phil 2:14-16)

Don’t be “kickin’ over the traces.”

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