

Settle It

For which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. -2 Timothy 1:12

The Mind of Christ Is an Attitude of Expendability

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. -Philippians 2:5

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Sunil later learned that someone had filed a legal complaint against him, saying he was using force, fraud and allurements to get people to convert to Christianity. The state where Sunil lives has legal statutes, known as “freedom of religion laws,” which have strict guidelines that a person must follow when they want to change their faith. In reality, the laws mostly target Christian pastors and laypeople who share their faith.

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COPG’s Bishop Beya Passes Away in DRC

✘ A key Church of God of Prophecy leader has died in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Bishop Ntambwe Beya, 57, passed away on June 18 of natural causes. Beya had served as the COGP’s national bishop in the DRC since 1998. He was involved in leadership on a national level in the Congo for more than 25 years.

According to the COGP’s Global Outreach Ministries, Beya had been struggling over the past several months with health issues—mainly diabetes. In mid-June he became very ill and developed a high fever. He was admitted to the hospital on June 16 and passed away two days later.

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Couples Head to NY to Fight for Gay Marriage Rights



Dozens of gay couples are planning to converge on Albany, N.Y., Thursday to witness what would be a historic vote to legalize gay marriage in New York. But for that to happen, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's considerable political skills will be tested as never before to engineer one of the biggest social changes in a generation.

The Democrat has been using a kind of shuttle diplomacy to privately test proposals for additional religious exceptions within the Senate's Republican majority. He's talked to individual senators or small groups of lawmakers privately, breaking down barriers and letting them take his message to others in the Republican caucus.

The proposed protections are aimed at saving religious groups from discrimination lawsuits if they refuse to recognize gay marriage based on their principles.