A Warning Against Exclusivity

Mark 9:38-41 (series #47)

- Intro: The difficulty of knowing where to "draw lines"
 - Philippians 1:15-18
 - Philippians 3:1-3, 17-19
 - 2nd Corinthians 11:2-4, 13-15
 - Galatians 1:6-9
 - 1st Timothy 4:1-3
 - 2nd Timothy 4:1-4

I. The Incident Involving the Disciples v. 38

- A. They saw someone casting out demons
- B. This was authority given to him by Jesus
- C. The disciples told the man to stop

II. The Reply of Jesus vv. 39-41

- A. He told them not to forbid the man v. 39
- B. The man was doing this on Christ's authority
- C. He was not one of those in Matthew 7:22-23
- D. He was one who belonged to Christ v. 40
- E. Not competition but care and concern v. 41

Conclusion: The line between discernment & exclusivity