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* **Reports from the Church – 1:11; 5:1; 11:18**
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* **Requests from the Church – 7:1, 25; 8:1; 12:1; 16:1, 12**

 *“Now concerning the matters about which you wrote me…”*

* **Recorded “black-list” of (10) topics they quarreled & were divided over:**

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* P – 1:12
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* P – 1:17-2:5
* P – 2:6-3:4,18-23

**Thinking More About It:**

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