

“You who
love
the LORD,
hate evil”

(Psalm 97:10)



Pursuing
What is
Good
and
Fleeing
What is Evil



Points to Remember...

1. Discerning Between Both
2. Who is in the Control Room?
3. Sowing and Reaping
4. The All Good Rule
5. Before Concluding, it is Good!
6. The Evil of the Grey
7. The Package
8. The Fellowship Between Good and Evil

1. Discerning between both

- In my own behavior:

“And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil?” (Malachi 1:8)

- In others' actions:

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are
deceitful” (Proverbs 27:6)



2. Who is in the Control Room? ⁽¹⁾

- I see the world as whom I am and by what controls my mind and heart
- The story of the king and the stone on the road



2. Who is in the Control Room? ⁽²⁾

- “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled” (Titus 1:15)



3. Sowing and Reaping ⁽¹⁾

- We reap what we sow in ourselves and in others
- Sowing what is good takes time and consistent effort.
- If we do not sow what is good, the world and the enemy will sow what is evil



3. Sowing and Reaping ⁽²⁾

- Negligence of others' needs and failing to meet them is an act of evil sowing
- The needs for acceptance, recognition, learning about God, and having a clear structure in life



4. The All Good Rule

- For Good to survive, it has to be alone in control of the mind, heart, and will
- Pharaoh's negotiation with Moses
- The story of Goha's nail



5. Before Concluding, it is Good! ⁽¹⁾

- Is it all good?
 - Is it Biblically and Ecclesiastically good?
 - What is the aim?
 - Is the intention good?
- Remember Absalom



5. Before Concluding, it is Good! ⁽²⁾

- “After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, ‘What city are you from?’

5. Before Concluding, it is Good! ⁽³⁾

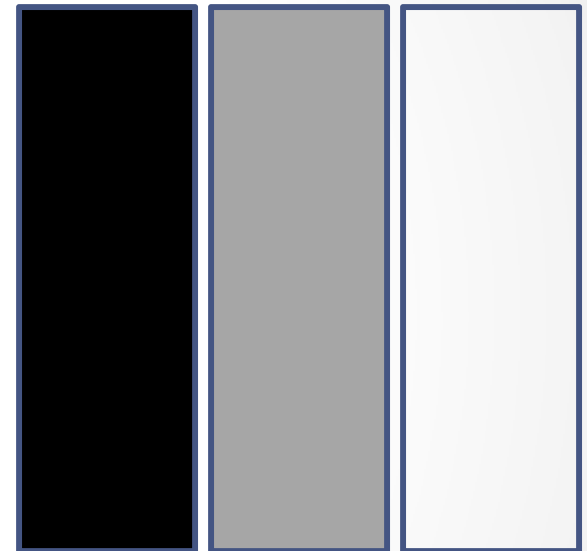
- And he would say, ‘Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel.’ Then Absalom would say to him, ‘Look, your case is good and right; but there is no deputy of the king to hear you.’ Moreover Absalom would say, ‘Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice.’

5. Before Concluding, it is Good! ⁽⁴⁾

- ...And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel” (2 Samuel 15:1-6)

6. The Evil of the Grey ⁽¹⁾

- Between the White of the Good and the Black of the Evil, there is the dangerous Grey in the middle
- “Abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22)



6. The Evil of the Grey ⁽²⁾

- It is not enough for the action to be lawful for it to be embraced as good
- The questions about if it is fitting, edifying, bond-free, and without offense should be always asked first



6. The Evil of the Grey ⁽³⁾

- The Grey of:
 - Extravagant luxury
 - Alcohol drinking
 - Attending parties
 - Gluttony for food, shopping, etc.
 - Being present in less than
- appropriate places



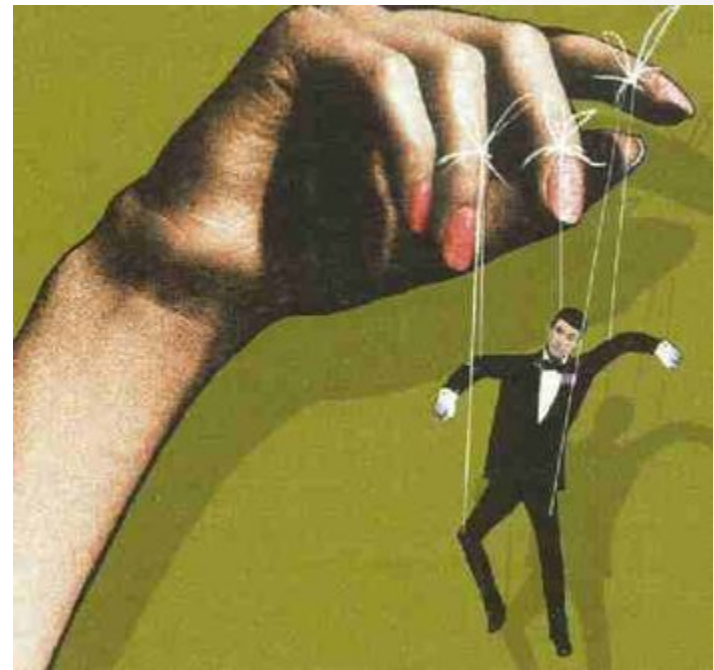
7. The Package ⁽¹⁾

- With Good in control comes freedom, self-respect, clarity of vision and thinking, beside the ability to live a purpose-driven life
- With Evil comes the package of bondage, guilt, fear, and
- a sense of loss



7. The Package ⁽²⁾

- The story of the boy and the duck



8. The Fellowship Between Good and Evil

- “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? (2 Cor. 6:14-16)