



<sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.<sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

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right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

We looked back to the beginning in **Genesis 3** where Eve said that the fruit looked **good** for food, **pleasing** to the eye, and **desirable** for gaining wisdom. Yet, eating it led to death (separation from God).

It all comes down to man's definition of good. Sometimes it gets even worse when we know something is evil but then we choose to do it anyway. We make it even worse when we make excuses or come up with reasons to justify it. The absolute worst is when we begin to call these evil things good things.

We looked at **Isaiah 5:20** to see just how bad it is for us when we call evil good. We also looked at **Mark 10:17-18** where Jesus shows us that man's standard of good is based on the world while Jesus' standard of good is based on God.

We talked about how many different things we may encounter in our life that we may believe are good by our worldly standard or by what the world tells us is good but they are actually evil by God's standard.

So, how do we know what is good by God's standard so that we can avoid calling something evil good.

We found our answer in **Hebrews 5:13-14** where it tells us we can be trained to "**distinguish good from evil**" by "**constant use**" of God's Word. By knowing God and His Word.

We said that Satan attempts to deceive us in the exact same way that he deceived Eve into calling something evil good and we need to be aware of his tactics in order to avoid being deceived.

The first thing Satan does is to get us to focus on the negative or on what we don't have. By staying focused on the goodness of God we don't give Satan a foothold.

Next, he will twist the Word of God to get us to doubt God's goodness and make it seem that something outside of God is good. All good things come from God and there is absolutely nothing good that is outside of God.

Finally, Satan will lead us to accept the worldly standard of good using our senses and emotions rather than following God's standard of good.

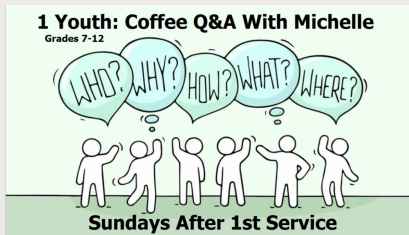
Having the "**knowledge of good and evil**" can be tricky

when it comes to distinguishing what is good and what is evil, especially when the world all around us is constantly encouraging us to call evil good.

By following the advice given in **Hebrews 5:13-14** and leaning on the Holy Spirit for guidance, we can learn how to distinguish evil from good in God's eyes.

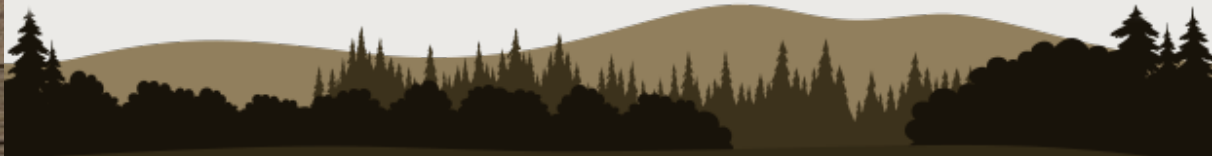
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