

Good and Evil

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

Romans 16:17-19

Do you know what you believe? Are you confident in what you have been taught? Do you have a strong foundation that provides balance and strength in your faith?

We have seen so much division in the body of Christ. Paul was concerned about this and addressed it multiple times in his

writings. Here he specifically warns the church at Rome to “watch out” for those who cause division and put obstacles in the way. He also says that those kinds of people are selfish are serving themselves.

I wonder, in our efforts to be tolerant and accepting, if we have blurred the lines. Have we been deceived in some ways?

Pay attention to last part of verse 17 – wise about good and innocent about evil. I like how the New Living Translation states this. “I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong.”

Maybe the better question is – have we blurred the lines between what is good and what is evil? That line doesn’t change and neither does the source of it.

“Be wise in doing right and stay innocent of any wrong (evil)” – regardless of what everyone else does.

All Things for Christ,
Michael