

## **Easy Peasy**

### **Scripture Base**

Proverbs 14:12

*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Romans 1:28

*28 And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting.*

5 Hebrews 5:14

*14 But solid food is for full-grown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.*

1 Kings 3:9

*9 Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy great people?*

### **Concept(s)**

We live in a world where satan has such a great hold on our society that we are forced to abide by the perversion of law and social acceptance of sin. How do we combat the constant influence of sin in our lives, education, media, and entertainment? Where do we draw the line between acceptance and indifference to sin?

### **Purpose**

This Spur was written to remind us what our plumb line of God's standards is and how we must remain vigilant in our righteous bias.

### **(Background)**

I was called a bigot on a social media platform, and when I gave my answer to explain that I am a righteous bigot, I was de-platformed. I considered it a badge of honor. Definition of bigotry: obstinate or intolerant devotion to one's own opinions and prejudices (bigotry, 2022). I accept that statement as I will not compromise my faith or the Word of God.

### **Spur**

Evil vs. good; it's easy to tell them apart in the movies. The good guys wear white hats, and the bad guys wear black hats. It should be that simple. Do you know the difference between good and evil? I think everyone reading this knows the difference in theory. It's easy to put circumstances or people in such easy pigeonholes of either good or evil. At least when it's obvious. However, I'm not so sure when our minds are continually bombarded with accepting world views of those labeled liberal or left-leaning moderates. God's word tells us it might not be as easy as we think it is, and often, too often, we are wrong, even about our actions and lives.

Proverbs 14:12 says, *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death."*

On the scale of life and death, Jewish people in history past considered them on the same plane, but they moved in opposing directions. As long as you live, you are on that single plane and constantly moving in one direction or the other. You are moving on the path up in life, or you are moving downward on the way to death. These directions are determined by what you do or how you live. I like that idealistic view of good or evil. How would you like to put your life on a chart that starts at birth, where the y-axis is life, and the x-axis is time? At our beginning and until we are of the age of ascension, we would begin to register up or down as we decide what is right from wrong, lies or truth, mean from nice, good from bad. Our life scale would begin in the good, and when we become accountable, and from then on, our chart registers as a stair-stepping line going up and down, straight and level, incline or decline. We all fail our Jesus—ask Paul—but our needle scratches should be going up a lot more than down as Christians.

It is hard to think straight these days. We become numb to sinners, sin, and evil. Think about how far we have moved our moral standards in America over the past eighty years. My mother, who died at the sweet age of ninety-five back in 2005, could not believe what she could see on TV. We have become progressive, liberal, enlightened, rational, tolerant, open-minded, and freethinkers. It's all love, peace, chicken grease. By law, we must defend and protect every illicit minority. It's all good.

Nope, not so much. Yes, I agree we are to love the sinner and hate the sin, but if the package is one and the same, I must go back to old-school conservative thought. The progressive point of view is to make an example of Jesus and quote His commandment to "love one another." As Christians, we cannot deny that Jesus said to love one another is the second greatest commandment. But do I need to bring out all the places written in red where Jesus condemns those He didn't win over? Yes, Jesus did not win or convert everyone He met to His Good News. Some tried to kill Him on the spot; others just turned and walked away. Remember, this is the same Christ who whipped and threw a righteous fit

over the money changers in the temple. He is the same Jesus who cursed towns and Pharisees for their wicked thoughts, actions, and disbelief. Fashion yourself with that idea of “love your neighbor.”

It is all about context. Some will never come to Christ and have been given over to their evil thoughts. Many were asked, and few were chosen. Yes, God wants all to come to His table, the wedding feast, but some who reject the invitation might not get asked again.

Romans 1:28 *“And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting.”*

Satan is a liar, and if you think he isn’t any good at it, you’d be dead wrong. Eternally, dead wrong. He doesn’t have to tell us that something is good when it is clearly not and profoundly against God’s word. He tells us it doesn’t matter or that there are many ways to get to heaven, or if you travel far enough away from home, you can do what you want; it’s not really sinning. It’s now politically correct to listen to a disgusting talk or watch lewd displays of men and women, queers, or whatever some degenerates call themselves, grooming underage children and disrespecting the dead. Be what you want; identify with whatever feels good. Are you a prude, homophobic bigot, hater, or racist? As Christians, we all need to take a long, hard look at the plumb line and see what’s straight and what is crooked. That’s the test; God’s word is the plumb line.

Maybe you’re a cherry picker. You know, one of those folks who relate to portions of the Bible that suit their lifestyle and disregard the rest. How easy is it to distinguish right and wrong now? Examine yourselves, and I’ll examine myself. We have moved too far, and our index line on the scale towards death is dropping faster than the Dow Jones after the Trade Towers were knocked down.

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### **Pray**

God, and Father, Lord Above All, it is so easy to do wrong when we lose sight of You and Your Word. Forgive us when we forget that we are not number one and that our wisdom is extremely lacking compared to Yours. Lord, remind us You are in control, and Your way is the only right way to live. Keep us strong and bold to stand for our convictions, You give us through Your Word and Spirit. Amen.

### **Credits and Inspiration**

When I realized I am a bigot, I also realized I am supposed to be one. There is no compromise when considering my Christian beliefs and God's Word. To think contrary to this world sets us apart and puts us in the crosshairs as a target for persecution. So be it. I am blessed.