

- Job was a good man.
- Job 1:1 (ESV) 1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
- Job 1:5 (ESV) 5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.
- Job 1:8 (ESV) 8 And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"
- Job 1:20-22 (ESV) 20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." 22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.



- Job's Integrity: Job 31

- No lusting or adultery
- No deceiving
- No self-indulgence
- No oppression of servants
- Caring for poor, widows, orphans, and needy
- No greed
- No idolatry
- No rejoicing at troubles of others
- Provisions for workers
- No hiding sins
- Fairness to workers



- How did Job know?
 - Very specific code of morality: what is right and wrong, good and evil
- Many people today still struggle with determining and following after moral codes, even if they're lax moral codes.
 - Most today seem to have very flexible concepts of evil and good.
- We have very strong pejorative terms for people who are considered excessively moral...
 - “goody two shoes”
 - “holier than thou”
 - “prude”
 - “self-righteous”

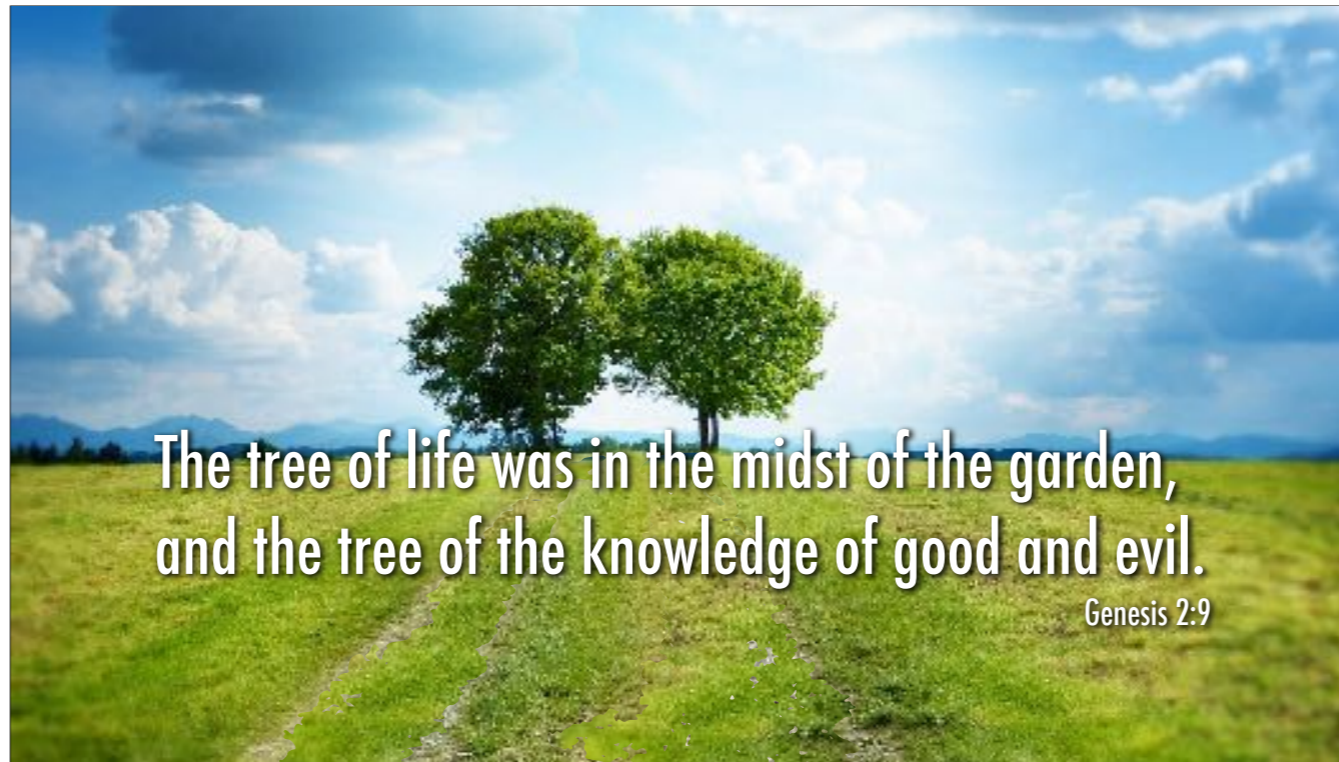


- Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

Romans 12:9

- Romans 12:9 (ESV) 9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.



- Genesis 2:9 (ESV) 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Genesis 2:15-17 (ESV) 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."
- Genesis 3:5 (ESV) 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- Genesis 3:7 (ESV) 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
- Genesis 3:8 (ESV) 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

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	<p data-bbox="749 527 1992 584">For Jehovah gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding</p> <p data-bbox="1849 588 1992 625">Proverbs 2:6</p>
	<p data-bbox="996 699 1745 813">The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.</p> <p data-bbox="1594 817 1745 854">Proverbs 9:10</p>

- Evil and Good objectively exist
 - Not arbitrary or changing with times, situations, or circumstances.
- Proverbs 1:7 (ESV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- Proverbs 2:6 (ESV) 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
- Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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Impurity	Rivalries	
Sensuality	Dissensions	
Idolatry	Divisions	
Sorcery	Envy	
Enmity	Drunkenness	
Strife	Orgies	
Jealousy		
Things like these		
Galatians 5:19-21		

- Galatians 5:19-21 (ESV) 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<u>Evil</u>		<u>Good</u>	
Sexual immorality	Fits of anger	Love	Goodness
Impurity	Rivalries	Joy	Faithfulness
Sensuality	Dissensions	Peace	Gentleness
Idolatry	Divisions	Patience	Self-control
Sorcery	Envy	Kindness	
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- Galatians 5:22-24 (ESV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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- Our God has always expected us to discern the difference.
- David, from Woman of Tekoa
 - 2 Samuel 14:17 (ESV) 17 And your servant thought, ‘The word of my lord the king will set me at rest,’ for my lord the king is like the angel of God to discern good and evil. The Lord your God be with you!”
- Solomon’s request
 - 1 Kings 3:9 (ESV) 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”
- But this passage is teaching us to do more than just discern the difference.

Evil

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Abhor!



Things like these

Galatians 5:19-21

- Abhor
 - Most translations
 - HCSB: Detest
 - NIV: Hate
- Thayer: have a horror of
- CWSB: detest with horror
- MED: to shrink from with abhorrence
- Vines: denotes to shudder
- Lenski: To turn from in hate



Good

Love	Goodness
Joy	Faithfulness
Peace	Gentleness
Patience	Self-control
Kindness	

Against such there is no law

Galatians 5:22-23

- Hold Fast, Cling to
 - NASB, NET: Cling to
 - KJV, ASV: Cleave to
 - to glue, to glue together, cement, fasten together
 - to join or fasten firmly together
 - to join one's self to, cleave to
 - Lenski: glued, joined most firmly and permanently



- Paul is trying to get us change how we think about evil and good, right and wrong.
- To no longer conform to the world we must learn to think and feel about evil the way that God does!
- And we must draw closer and hold firmer to what is good.



- Toying with Evil
- Tendency to downplay the badness of evil
- Think that we can get along with some aspects without it affecting our hearts and minds
 - Most of us have experienced this type of accommodation that leads to not even noticing evil.
 - Movies I used to watch and think were very funny, then I watch them with my kids and realized just how inappropriate some things were.
 - Same with songs
 - Language
 - Slow accept, don't hear use without thinking. It becomes normal.



- Satan: The Evil One

- 1 John 5:19 (ESV) 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.
- John 17:15: I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.



- Good is just cute.
 - Sometimes think of it as childish.
 - Sometimes think of it as naive.
 - Advocated that good cannot survive in a world of evil: unrealistic.



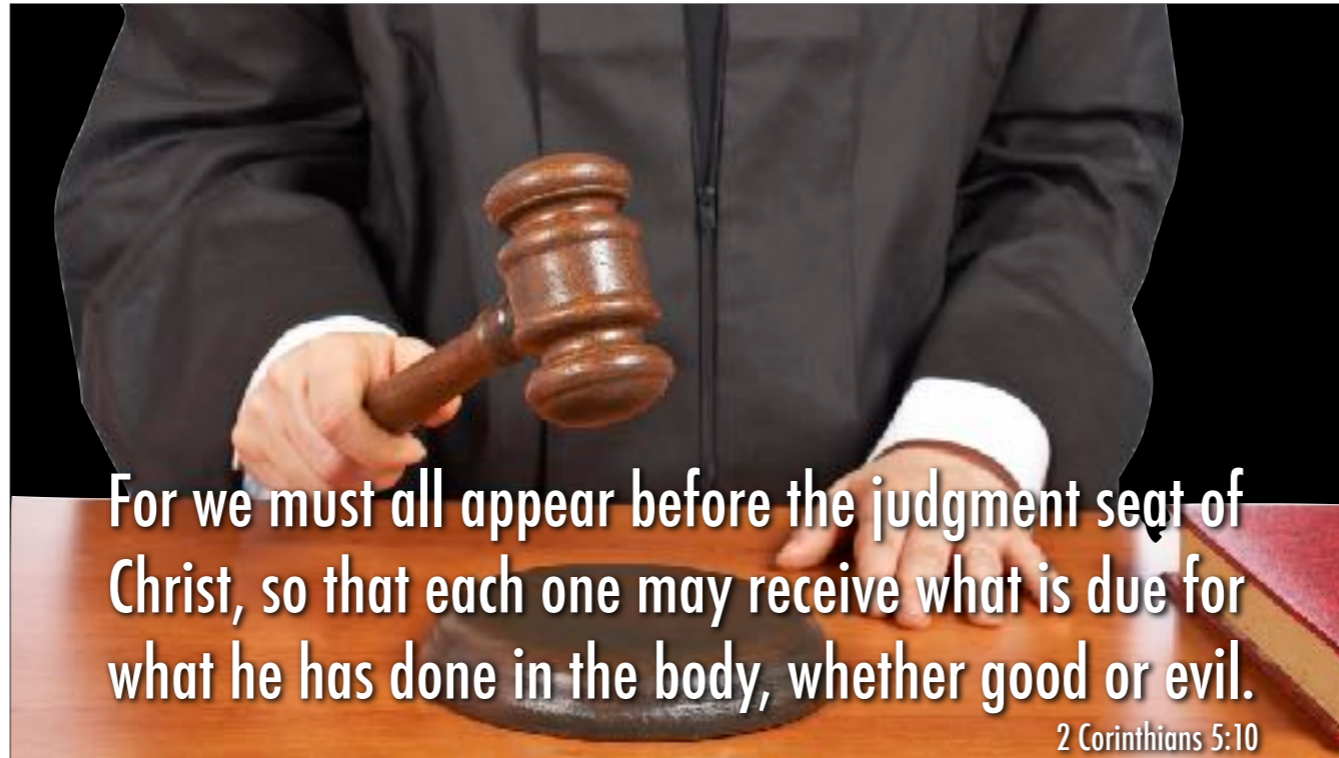
- So we sometimes forget the power of good
- God!
- Psalms 34:8 (ESV) 8 Oh, taste and see that Jehovah is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- Ephesians 2:10 (ESV Strong's) 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- Psalms 37:3 (ESV) 3 Trust in Jehovah, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.



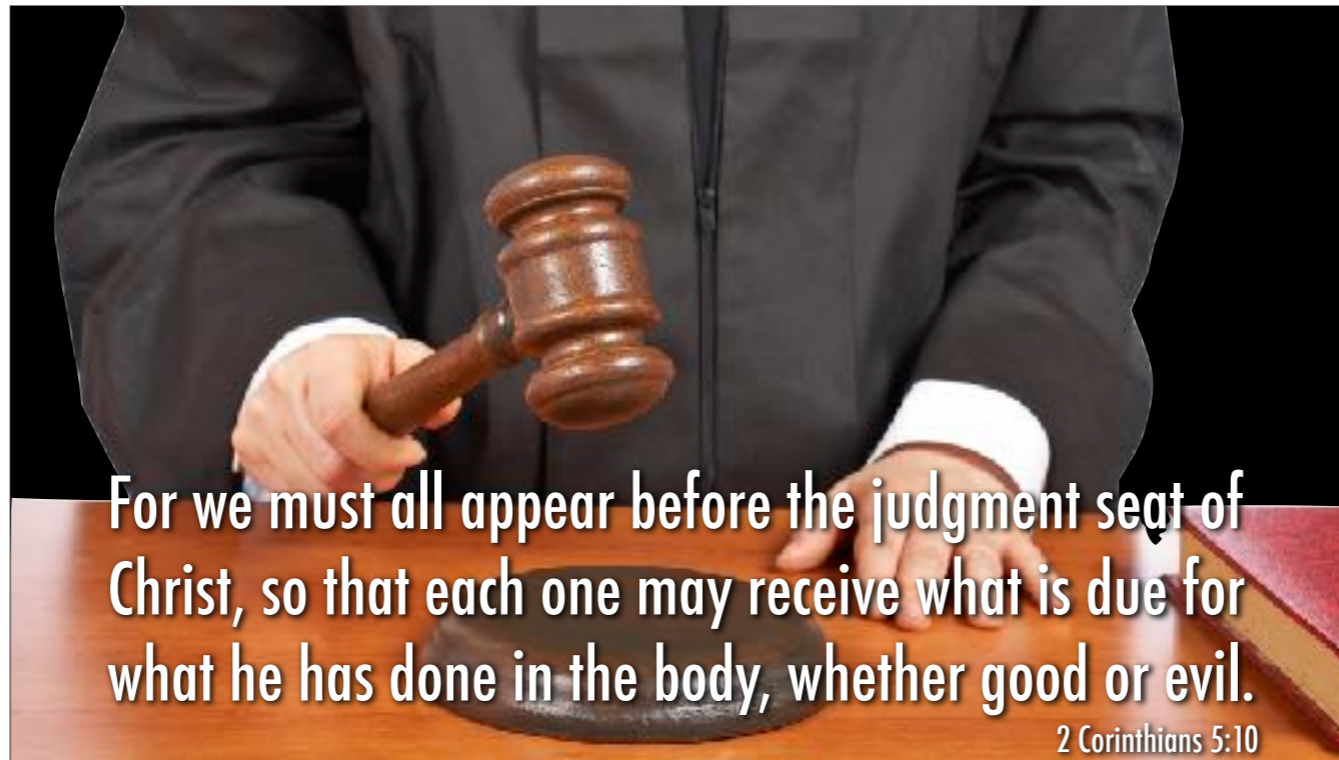
- Psalms 119:136 (ESV) 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.
- Psalms 119:163 (ESV) 163 I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law.



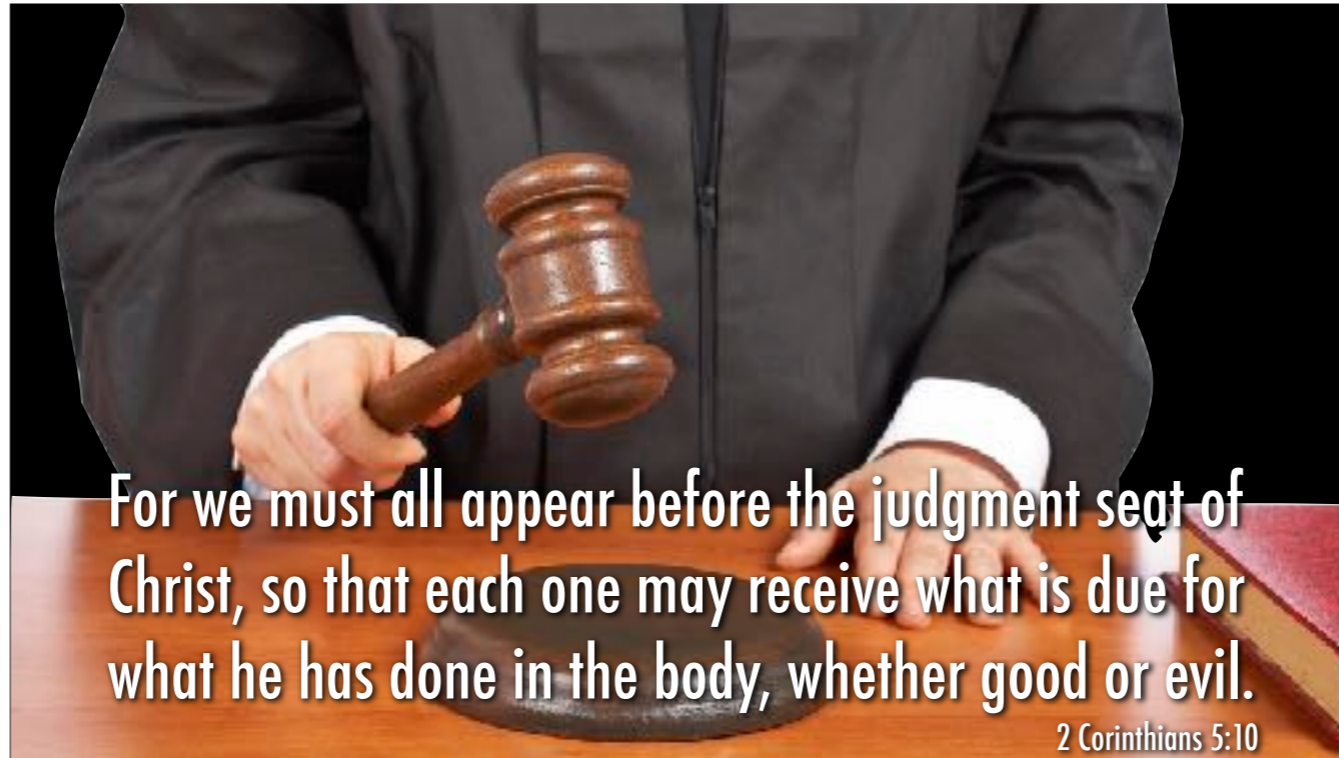
- This matters because it is about our hearts.
 - If our hearts are full of evil, it will come out of us.
 - If our hearts are filled with good, that will show also.
- Matthew 12:34-35 (ESV Strong's) 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.



- 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (ESV) 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



- Romans 2:6-11 (ESV Strong's) 6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.



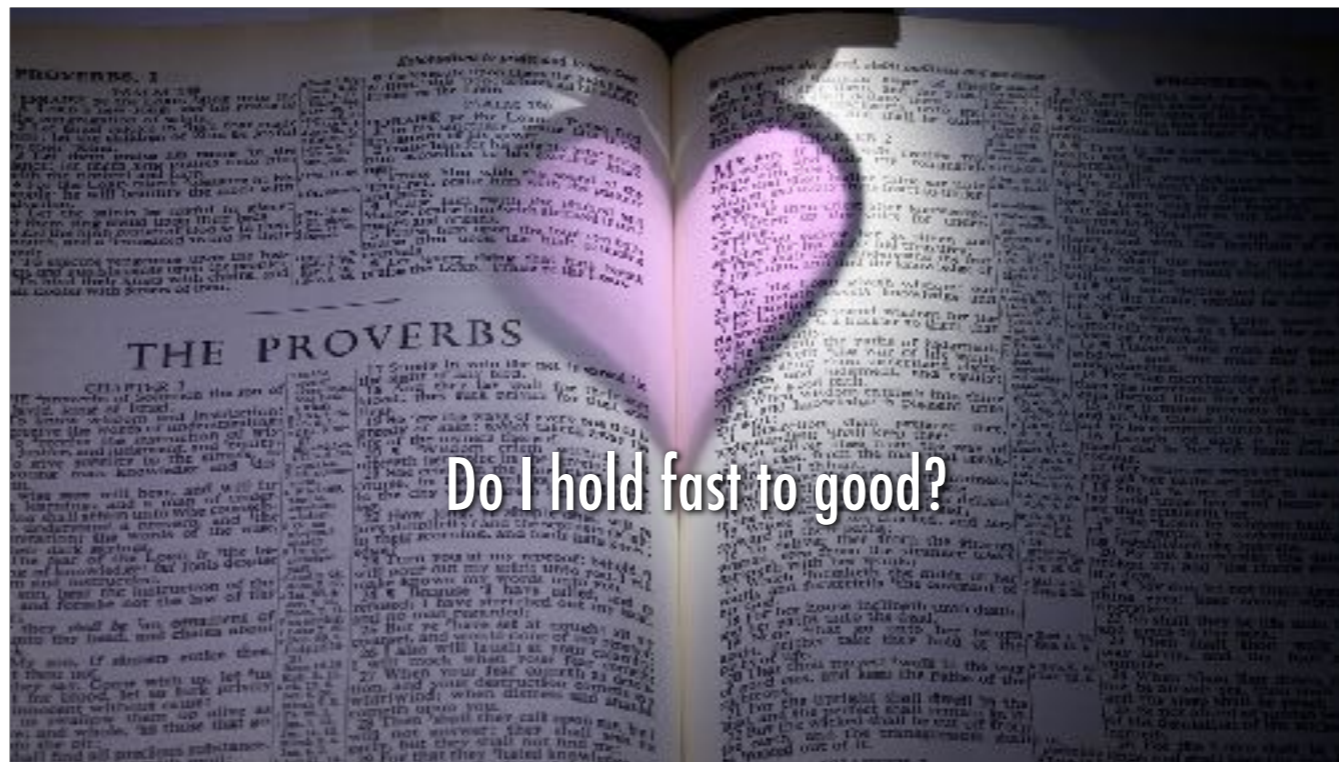
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2 Corinthians 5:10

- John 5:28-29 (ESV Strong's) 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.



- Do I abhor evil?
 - Time to look at our hearts.
- Why do I sometimes give in to evil... even “just a little bit”
 - Selfish pleasures for the moment
 - Win over others
 - Hurting
 - Easier
- What do my words, actions and attitude indicate about my relationship with God, brethren, family?



- Do I hold fast to good?
- Given a choice, will I choose to trust in God's wisdom and do good?
- Will I strive to understand good as God has defined it?
- What do my words, actions and attitude indicate about my relationship with God, brethren, family?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Abhor Evil; Hold Fast to Good

Romans 12:9

Synopsis: Transformation takes place when we learn to recognize that what the world has called good is often evil, so we must learn to abhor evil and learn from God what is good and cling to that. For many of us the struggle is that we don't really abhor evil, we think we can toy with it and still be safe from it's influence in our hearts. But we must remember that God will judge us our hearts. Darrel Yontz influenced this lesson.

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