

Distinguishing Right From Wrong

Hebrews 5:11-14

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Is it clearly condemned in the Bible?

- I Corinthians 6:9-10 - “will [not] inherit the kingdom of God”
- Galatians 5:19-21 - “will not inherit the kingdom of God”
- I Timothy 1:8-11 - “for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane”

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Does it violate a biblical principle?

- I Timothy 2:9 - “men ... without anger or quarreling ... women ... with modesty and self-control”
- I John 2:15-17 - “Do not love the world or the things in the world”
- I Corinthians 13:4-8 - “love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude”
 - cf. James 1:25 - “the perfect law, the law of liberty”

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Does it violate my conscience?

- I Timothy 4:1-2 - “ ... whose consciences are seared”
- Romans 14:22-23 - “... whoever has doubts is condemned ...”
 - cf. I Corinthians 10:23 - “... not all things are expedient” (ASV)

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Does it violate my brother's conscience?

- Romans 14:19-21 - “... it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble ...”
- I Corinthians 8:7-13 - “... their conscience, being weak, is defiled”
 - cf. I Corinthians 10:24 - “Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor”

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What do mature Christians say about it?

- I Kings 12:4-13 - “King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men”
 - cf. I Kings 13:18 - “But he lied to him”
- Hebrews 5:12-14 - “... those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice ...”
- Titus 2:1-5 - “Older men ... Older women ...”

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- Is it clearly condemned in the Bible?
- Does it violate a biblical principle?
- Does it violate my conscience?
- Does it violate my brother's conscience?
- What do mature Christians say about it?

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Taking The Right Path

- Hear the Word of God
 - James 1:21 - "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."
- Believe the Gospel message
 - Hebrews 11:6 - "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

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- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19 - "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - Romans 10:9-10 - "... because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

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Taking The Right Path

- Be immersed in water
 - Acts 2:38 - "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Remain faithful
 - Hebrews 3:12-14 - "... if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end"

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