

An Exercise To Discern Both Good and Evil (Hebrews 5:14)

Is That A Charge?

Scenario:

A brother in the congregation has met a female and has gotten to know her over the past year. He has fallen in love with her and from his report, she with him. What stands out most of all is that this woman loves him more for his faithfulness to God than anything else. She does not live here in El Paso. She lives in Mississippi. She wants to move to El Paso to first, obey the Lord. She is assembling with a supposed “church of Christ”, but has through studies found them to be in error. Secondly, she wants to marry our brother in Christ who has faithfully been a member of this congregation for the past 10+ years. Some of us have been in contact with her. She is excited about serving God and marrying our brother in Christ. It is now Tuesday night. We are openly discussing this situation in a class setting. The question has arisen about who will have her live with them when she moves here until she marries our brother in Christ. During this discussion, a family in a pew is talking amongst themselves. After some talking back and forth in “their pew”, the man of the family leans forward and begins to talk.

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

The man says this: “If she moves here it just seems to me like she’s going to be set up for failure. Wouldn’t it be better if she moved to Pennsylvania and married one of the young men there (*note: this being said by someone who knows of no one in Pennsylvania, has never been there at all, etc.*)? There is more money to be made in Pennsylvania, better jobs, better communities. Wouldn’t that be better for her?”

A Later Statement Is Made:

“Once I have gotten to know this brother who is going to marry this lady, I can say I would NEVER allow a daughter of mine to marry him.”

For Discussion:

What do you see in those statements?