

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

### **Bible Class Innuendo**

#### **Scenario:**

The congregation you are a member of assembles twice a week for Bible Classes. The classes are topical. The classes are open so that members can ask questions, offer answers, and discuss spiritual matters. As you attend these classes you notice that certain members of the congregation continue to, regardless of the topic of discussion, focus in on the same subject matters even when it does not fit the actual discussion everyone else is involved in. This continues over an extended period of times (greater than six months). The topics that continue to be brought up are all matters of authorized liberties. Two subjects that seem to be focused upon more than others are about unhealthy food choices and why people choose the sport of fishing when they are not fishing to eat the food. You are in a class wherein the topic of discussion is Paul's willingness to leave behind all carnal things that profited his flesh so that he could serve Christ and gain the reward of eternal life (Philippians 3:1-21).

#### **Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:**

During this study one of the individuals that often makes statements about foods and sporting choices says: "One thing is for sure, if Paul liked fishing for no reason and eating donuts he would have given those things up for Christ. Why can't people see that? How can a brother think he's going to Heaven if he's out stuffing his face with donuts and fishing?"

#### **A Later Statement Is Made:**

"I am just wondering if everyone in here is listening to what we're reading? Do you want your coffee, donuts, and fishing or do you want Heaven?"

**For Discussion:** What do you see in those statements?