

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

Every Green Herb For Meat

Scenario:

Brethren in the congregation tend to get together for social meals and other social activities. One of those activities is an occasional cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. Everyone is generally invited to the home of a couple in the congregation for this cookout. Noticeably, there is one family that is never there. It is not that they are too busy or even anti-social. So, curiosity sets in for several members who decide to reach out and make sure there is not some problem that keeps this family from these cookouts.

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

During an inquiry concerning the noticeable absence of this family from these cookouts, the following statement is made: "We don't come to the cookouts because we believe that the Bible limits what we eat to every green herb (Genesis 1:29). So, we are vegetarians. For us, eating flesh is consenting to the murder of a creature of God."

A Later Statement Is Made:

When asked why this had not previously come up and why it hadn't been studied out, this statement was made: "While we strongly believe these things, and we believe ya'll are in sin, we don't believe it is a test of fellowship."

For Discussion: What do you see in those statements?