

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

I Am The Head Of The Family

Scenario:

A young couple in the congregation gets married. They are both, as far as anyone can tell, faithful to our Lord. Everything seems to be going well in their first year of marriage. Then, a problem gets brought to light that the husband has with his father-in-law. His wife's father is always interfering in the affairs of this young couple. It has become a source of tension between this young man and his wife. His father-in-law lives about four hundred miles away and professes to be a faithful Christian. As tensions in this young couple's marriage become noticeable to faithful brethren surrounding them, an older woman in the congregation counsels the young lady to stop allowing her father to interfere in the marriage. That prompts the father-in-law to come see his daughter and to confront the older sister in Christ that gave his daughter counsel. That confrontation occurs in the back of the room where the saints assemble on the first day of the week. You see and hear it.

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

The father-in-law says this to a sister in this congregation: "I am the head of the family. I will always be my daughter's father and she will always obey my voice in all things as Colossians 3:20 states." The argument continues with this man being very forceful and loud.

A Later Statement Is Made:

As several try to reason with this man and the young couple, the situation continues to escalate. The young man says this to his wife and her father: "If you want your daughter to obey you over me, then you take her home with you and you both can just go to Hell."

For Discussion: What do you see in those statements?