

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

### **It's About The Attitude**

#### **Scenario:**

You are in an assembly of the congregation for the purpose of Bible study. This assembly is an open discussion. The discussion is about doing whatsoever the Lord has commanded (Matthew 28:20). The discussion is currently about rightly dividing the Lord's instructions based upon context, consistency, to whom they were written, etc. (II Timothy 2:14-18 and II Peter 3:15-18). Many members are offering up examples of instructions that apply today and some that do not.

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

A brother in Christ states: "I think we are focusing on the wrong things here. We cannot walk as Jesus walked. We cannot obey everything because we do not have Apostles today or Jesus today to keep us on track. I think we spend too much time on the do and do not. What we need to do is focus on our attitudes. Whether we get it right or wrong the Lord is more concerned about our attitudes than what we say and do. Attitudes are inner dispositions of the heart and thoughts — they are the hidden intentions which will eventually serve as the basis for our actions. 'For as he thinks in his heart, so is he' (Proverbs 23:7). If my attitude is right; I am right and my actions are right."

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

"Stop throwing verses at me. I have remained silent as I have sat through this false teaching here for years. I am done being silent. According to scripture, your attitude toward life, your circumstances, or toward other people should always be like the Lord's — as is defined by scripture. Good attitudes is what saves (Galatians 5:22-23). You are all disagreeing with me, but I used Scripture. I can go back to being silent or you can kick me out. My attitude is where it should be."

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