

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

### **Let's Debate It**

#### **Scenario:**

The congregation has gone many years without an eldership. Everyone agrees that the congregation is severely lacking without elders. There does not appear to be any short term solution. Some members see the congregation lacking spiritual growth because no one really has the authority to implement changes, such as more frequent assemblies. So, during a congregational class setting, a brother in the congregation throws out an idea to appoint a congregational board of directors that all will agree to submit to in matters of expediency. Immediately, the idea is refuted and shut down as unscriptural.

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

The person who brought up the idea of a congregational board of directors likes to argue. He generally will argue about anything. He says: "I want to have a debate next Sunday over whether or not a board of directors is wrong."

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

After a brief discussion, another brother in the congregation says: "Such a debate is unscriptural. It is wrong. We can't allow that. This matter, like other matters, can easily be resolved by you simply showing the Scriptural authority right now for your idea. He then reads Ephesians 5:10, Philippians 3:16, and I Thessalonians 5:21."

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