

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

That Ye May Prosper

Scenario:

You are talking with an individual who is interested in studying the Scriptures. This person knows you are a follower of Christ. This person has been listening to an audio reading of the Bible. You and this person are discussing what Jesus said in Luke 9:57-62. You are telling them that following Christ is about setting your affections on things above, not on the things of the earth (Colossians 3:1-4).

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

This person states that: "God says if you keep His words you will have prosperity in all that you do. Furthermore, if you do not turn from those words to the right or to the left, you will have prosperity no matter where you go. When you say that you are supposed to set your affection on things above instead of on things here, you are contradicting what God says." (This person cannot find the Scriptures he or she is referencing, but knows they are in the word of God.)

A Later Statement Is Made:

"I do not believe in your God of poverty and suffering. I believe God wants me to be wealthy and live like a ruler. I will not ignore the happiness that God wants me to have."

For Discussion: What do you see in those statements?