

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

The Grass Seems Greener

Scenario:

Within the congregation most are facing troubling times and difficult circumstances. Many are looking to find peace in this world. There is one family that appears to be doing better than everyone else. They seem to have found “the best of both worlds” (so to speak). The man has a very well paying job that doesn’t seem to affect him negatively spiritually. The wife seems to be very happy. The children appear well fed and taken care of. They have an abundance of material things they find joy in. They have an amazing house. Many in the congregation look to them and desire what they have. There are a few that recognize this and see it as a problem. Among them are men that choose to try and teach about setting your affections on things above rather than on the earth.

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

There is a lesson delivered during the worship assembly on the first day of the week. The person teaching said: “No one who is right in the sight of God is going to find peace in this world. The fact is, in the world you shall have tribulation.”

A Later Statement Is Made:

After the service several go out to lunch. In talking about the lesson, this is stated: “I don’t agree that we cannot find peace in this world. Look at the _____ family. They are doing better than everyone else in the congregation. They are at peace. He moves every few years with his job, and he is able to find a congregation where he goes to worship with. Maybe we should be more like them. I am not happy. He is. The difference in us is that he has everything I want. It’s time for a change.”

For Discussion: What do you see in those statements?