

The Standard of Good

GOOD vs GOD

Mark 10:18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

How you define "good" will be influenced by your _____ point.

Genesis 3:6 *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.*

It wasn't the _____ side of the tree of knowledge of good and evil that Eve was attracted to; it was the _____ side.

Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.*

Proverbs 3:13-18 *Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.*

Proverbs 3:21-24 *My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; 22 they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. 23 Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.*

1 Kings 3:9 *Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.*

_____ is the key in determining what is truly good and what is truly evil. It doesn't just happen.

Satan's strategy in four simple steps:

1. _____ our eyes off of God's goodness.

Genesis 2:16-17 *And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."*

Genesis 3:1 *He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

Genesis 3:2-3 *The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "*

2. _____ God's Word. Here is his response:

Genesis 3:4 *"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.*

3. _____ you God is withholding something from you.

Genesis 3:5 *"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened...."*

4. _____ the good that God withheld. Here's the rest of verse 5:

Genesis 3:5-6 *"...and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

James 1:16-17 *Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

There's no good thing for you _____ of God's will.

Psalms 107:1 *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*